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Cheysson begins Moscow visit

MOSCOW, Feb. 16 (AFP) — French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson arrived here Wednesday on a four-day official visit to the Soviet Union.

He was welcomed at the airport by Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Two French government ministers and a Socialist Party delegation have been to Moscow in recent months and the Soviet Union has agreed to French demands for urgent action to redress a growing trade surplus in Moscow's favor.

France has also appeared determined to resist moves to widen controls on its trade with Moscow, saying it will not limit exports and scientific contacts for any reason other than if they strengthen Soviet military potential.

Cheysson, paying his first official visit to Moscow since the election of France's Socialist government in 1981, has made it clear the French government opposes certain Kremlin policies.

The differences, especially over Afghanistan and Poland, will rule out any rekindling of the warmth of the "special relationship" established between Moscow and Paris in the 1960s. But Cheysson has said his government will continue to cultivate economic and scientific ties with the Kremlin.

President Francois Mitterrand's administration has shown solidarity with the NATO stance in arms talks and has rejected Soviet proposals. But it has resisted U.S. attempts to restrict allied trade with Moscow.

'Big 2' accelerate arms race

U.S. to develop 'invisible' missile

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AFP) — The United States has decided to develop a new "invisible" Cruise missile capable of eluding enemy radar and to halt production next year of long-range Cruise rockets that are believed vulnerable to Soviet attack, air force sources said here.

The decision does not affect the future of medium range Cruise missiles, 464 of which are scheduled to be deployed later this year in five West European countries if current U.S.-Soviet negotiations to reduce the number of such weapons come to nothing.

Over the next several months the Defense Department is expected to begin accepting proposals for a new version of the Cruise missile that makes use of the "stealth" technology. The process is aimed at enabling aircraft and missiles to escape radar detection.

The technology is already said to have been applied to a generation of strategic bombers being prepared for the air force in the next decade.

The long range air-to-land Cruise missile is launched from B-52 bombers, flying at low altitudes, is equipped with an electronic guidance system that can "read" the contour on the land and verify it with a relief map it carries in the memory of its on-board computer. The missile is capable of striking a precise target 2,500 kms (1,600 miles) away.

The administration of former President Jimmy Carter, believing the Cruise missile to be invulnerable to defenses, decided to produce 3,000 such rockets. Under Carter, the B-1 bomber was considered

Soviet 'Typhoon' a threat to West

LONDON, Feb. 16 (AP) — A giant Soviet submarine codenamed "Typhoon" poses a new threat to the West because it can fire four new SS-NX-20 missiles at once, each with 12 warheads, defense analysts have reported.

Retired Royal Navy Capt. John Moore, editor of the prestigious *Jane's Fighting Ships Annual*, termed the Typhoon "a terrifying monster."

Informed sources who asked not to be identified said indications are that the Soviets have mastered early fuel problems in synchronized multiple firing of SS-NX-20 missiles from the 30,000-ton sub, believed to be the largest ever built.

The *Daily Mail* of London, quoting unidentified intelligence sources, said recent firings of the new missiles have been tracked by Western spy satellites.

The Typhoon, believed to be three times longer than a Jumbo jet, is reported to be powered by two nuclear reactors that give it a speed of 25 knots and to have a double-skin hull that gives it protection against most Western torpedoes.

Jane's first reported on the new sub in its 1982-83 annual, published last August, which said the positioning of multiple launch tubes forward of the fin, or conning tower, leaves room for a twin reactor system in the rear section, "probably needed to achieve a reasonable speed with the huge hull."

Jane's said the new sub has 20 missile tubes for SS-NX-20s. That would make it a major launching system against which the West has

PLO goal is state on W. Bank--Fahoum

ALGIERS, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — The Palestine Liberation Organization wants an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip with Jerusalem as its capital, Palestinian National Council (PNC) Chairman Khaled Al Fahoum said here Wednesday.

Fahoum told a press conference that this was the goal the PLO wanted to achieve. The council began a closed-door debate Wednesday on demands for rejection of U.S. President Ronald Reagan's peace plan and a resumption of the "armed struggle" against Israel.

Commando sources told reporters a minority of Syrian-based hardliners called on the 400-member parliament to issue a flat rejection of the Reagan plan and prepare for a new military confrontation with Israel.

But the informants said a substantial majority led by Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization's executive committee remained determined

to resist the hardliners and turn the PLO further toward the concept of a political settlement.

The council debated a marathon speech delivered late Tuesday by PLO "foreign minister" Farouk Kaddoumi, who denounced the Reagan plan's shortcomings but stopped short of urging its outright rejection. Kaddoumi is regarded as one of Arafat's moderate majority within the council.

Kaddoumi called for a "decisive confrontation" with the Reagan plan, which called for Palestinian "self-government" in association with Jordan but said nothing about "self-determination."

"The United States has been against Palestinian rights from the start," Kaddoumi said. The Reagan plan, he declared, sought to deny the Palestinians their right to an independent state, "while totally ignoring the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people."

Kaddoumi's hard-hitting address was

greeted with loud applause. Sources close to the PLO leadership said the address was likely to form the basis of the draft proposals to the PNC, though the final wording has still to be hammered out. Moderates want to temper the PLO's refusal to join the U.S. initiative to show Washington they are ready for negotiations.

But militants say the PLO has nothing to gain from an administration which has failed so far to get Israeli troops out of Lebanon — let alone the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Kaddoumi recommended a rival peace plan, which calls for an independent Palestinian state while implicitly granting Israel a measure of security within pre-1967 borders, as the minimum acceptable.

Arafat's aides say the mere convening of the PNC has been a victory for Palestinian unity. And the arrival of all eight PLO command groups was a victory for Arafat.

PLO leaders have agreed draft guidelines for policy on major Middle East peace issues to put before the PNC. Abu Jihad, deputy commander of PLO forces, told a press conference. The draft, he said, took into account the different views of eight groups. He said the PLO leaders agreed on draft resolutions on relations with Egypt and Jordan as well as on an Arab peace plan.

Arafat has held five rounds of talks with Jordan's King Hussein and officials close to him say they agreed on the idea of a confederation between Jordan and a future Palestinian state. Jordanian officials have made clear that they want a commitment from the PNC to the confederation idea, as well as to the principle of a joint Jordanian-Palestinian team at any future peace talks with Israel.

Iraq repulses Iranian attack

BAGHDAD, Feb. 16 (R) — Iraq said Wednesday that its troops had repulsed a fresh Iranian attack on the current Gulf war battlefield, along the border east of the Iraqi town of Amara.

A statement broadcast by Baghdad radio did not say when the new attack took place. It said Iran lost some men killed or captured.

According to Iraqi accounts, Iran opened a new offensive on the Al-Shib front, where the latest action occurred 10 days ago. Neither side has reported heavy fighting since last Thursday, when the Iraqis said an Iranian force of tanks and infantry overran Iraqi lines but was trapped in a counter-attack, with 1,000 Iranians and at least 20 tanks captured.

Correspondents taken to the Iraqi lines during the lull that followed found it difficult to establish the actual scale of the fighting or the numbers killed on either side. Iraq has said 15,000 Iranians have died since the offensive started.

'House of horror' accused appears in London court

LONDON, Feb. 16 (AP) — Murder suspect Dennis Andrew Nilsen, a gaunt 37-year-old civil servant charged with killing a young drifter from Scotland, made a 50-second court appearance Wednesday and was ordered held without bail until Friday.

Handcuffed to two detectives, Nilsen, wearing steel-rimmed glasses, said "yes" when Magistrate Elizabeth Kilip asked if he understood the charge.

The Employment Department official was arrested last week after police found the remains of three bodies clogging a drain at 23 Cranley Gardens, Muswell Hill, in North London.

The only victim named so far is Stephen Neil Sinclair, 20, of no fixed address. Nilsen, who has not yet had to plead, is charged with murdering him on or about Feb. 1 at 23 Cranley Gardens.

Police investigating the case have said as many as 13 or 14 other bodies might be found near another North London address, 195 Melrose Ave., Cricklewood, where Nilsen lived before moving to Cranley Gardens. The victims, according to police, were probably male drifters aged 20 to 40.

Teen-age police cadets, both male and female, discovered more bones and a dental plate Wednesday in a hands-and-knees search of waste ground behind the two-story Edwardian house on Melrose Avenue.

Police said that because the waste ground was used for dumping by local residents, some of the bones which had been found could be animal rather than human. Strenuous across the area were tin cans, timber, a sink and an old armchair.

Detectives were still digging up the back yard at 195 Melrose Ave. where bones, believed to be human, have been found spade-deep.



Dennis Nilsen

Even against Israelis

Beirut vests army with wide powers

BEIRUT, Feb. 16 (AP) — Foreign Minister Elie Salem announced Wednesday the Lebanese army has orders to shoot anyone interfering with its control of Greater Beirut and indicated the orders include the Israeli army if a conflict should arise.

"The army has instructions to shoot, has instructions to act like an army and not to negotiate with outlaws," Salem told the news conference at the Foreign Ministry. "Every force that will encounter the army in the Greater Beirut area, whether it is formal or informal, is in the context of Lebanese law, an outlaw."

The announcement came in the wake of Tuesday's expansion by the army into East Beirut and its outskirts, held for eight years by Christian militias.

Salem said a supply route used by the Israelis between their forces east of the capital and southern Lebanon that passes through the city will not be interfered with, and the Israeli army will have free movement on it. But he said they will not be permitted elsewhere in the capital.

"In the Greater Beirut area, where the army has deployed, no military presence is permitted, neither Lebanese nor non-Lebanese except for... the Lebanese army and the multinational forces," Salem said. "Neither militias nor external forces may appear armed in the Greater Beirut area. We intend to implement this ruling strictly."

Salem said that "there was some friction and there are likely to be frictions in the future between the Lebanese army and many other forces that will challenge the army. But we cannot fail in this operation."

Salem said the government "did not seek the permission of the Israelis" for the deployment into East Beirut. "We received word late (Monday night) that Israel objects... because this changes the status quo. We said that Israel is not involved in this operation. This is purely an internal matter."

"For this reason we asked the army to go into Beirut Monday night irrespective of the challenges it might face on the way. Fortunately, there were no challenges," he said.

Salem added that the Lebanese government expected the multinational peacekeep-

ing force, made up of U.S., French, Italian and British troops, would soon move into East Beirut as well. The force has been patrolling parts of the Christian sector of the capital for some weeks but has operated mostly in the West.

"We are discussing at present with the Americans, the French, the British and the Italians the redeployment of the multinational force in the Greater Beirut area. We

Stop Haddad - Gemayel

BEIRUT, Feb. 16 (AFP) — Lebanese President Amin Gemayel has called on U.S. Ambassador Robert Dillon to intervene to put an end to the "extension of the state of free Lebanon" declared by pro-Israeli dissident Maj. Sand Haddad Monday.

He told a meeting of ambassadors of countries of the multinational force here of his anxiety at "the latest military demonstration in southern Lebanon" and the opening of a new barracks by Maj. Haddad at Sidon.

expect to receive answers from them this evening," the foreign minister said.

The French and Italian governments have already publicly indicated their agreement. The Americans and the British have refused to comment.

Salem said he expected all to agree "because we want in the Greater Beirut area to test the cooperation between the Lebanese and the multinational forces, because in the

(Continued on back page)

Fahd receives Somali leader

RIYADH, Feb. 16 (SPA) — King Fahd Wednesday received Somalia's First Vice President and Defense Minister Muhammad Ali Samatar at the Royal Court here.

The audience was attended by Second Deputy Premier and Defense Minister Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz and Ambassador to the Kingdom Abdullah Hajj Abdul-Rahman.

Lt. Gen. Samatar arrived here Tuesday on a five-day visit.

Reagan to explain arms stand

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (R) — President Ronald Reagan plans to explain Wednesday night why he has stood firm on the U.S. negotiating position at European nuclear missile talks in Geneva with the Soviet Union, White House officials said.

They said other topics at a presidential news conference set for 8 p.m. (0100 GMT Thursday) would include future prospects for Middle East peace diplomacy following Ariel Sharon's departure last week from the Israeli Defense Ministry.

Reagan would also discuss a \$7.5 billion program to tackle high unemployment and help destitute and homeless Americans, they said. The package is apparently acceptable to most congressional leaders and the officials said the president was expected to indicate his response to some Democrats who want him to add at least \$1 billion to the program.

Despite fresh evidence of recovery from America's longest recession since World War II, Reagan is being pressed by his Democratic opponents in Congress to agree to a big job-creation program.

Reagan, who previously opposed most jobs ideas on grounds that they were expensive "make-work" projects doing little to provide long-term employment, has now agreed to the tentative \$7.5 billion package that congressional leaders hope can be approved by early spring.

The current major foreign policy issue is Reagan's decision to delay action on suggestions that he should modify his offer to cancel the deployment from December of 572 U.S. medium-range nuclear missiles in Western Europe if the Soviet Union were to dismantle all its comparable weapons, estimated to number over 600.

The president has been studying suggestions, which were made to Vice President George Bush during his recent Western European tour, for an interim agreement reducing the number of existing and planned Soviet and U.S. missiles in Europe as a first step toward an accord eliminating all of them. The White House said this week that Reagan is standing firm on his original proposal, known as the zero option, at least for the time being.

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SABIC, Japan firm sign methanol marketing pacts

By Javid Hassan
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 16 — Abdul Aziz al-Zamil, vice chairman and managing director of the Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) and chairman of the Saudi Methanol Company (AR-RAZI) Wednesday signed two marketing agreements with Japan Saudi Arabia Methanol Company at a function here. Under the agreement, 50 percent of the methanol produced by AR-RAZI will be marketed worldwide by SABIC and the Japanese consortium, except to Japan where there is a separate purchase agreement between the two. Methanol is used in many intermediate and final products of chemicals such as formaldehyde, paints, etc.

Saudi Methanol Company is a joint venture between the SABIC and Japan Saudi Arabia Methanol Co. Inc. The latter is a consortium of Japanese entities led by Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Company and includes Mitsui Toatsu Chemicals, Inc., Sumitomo Chemical Company, Kyowa Gas Chemical Industry Co. Ltd., and Itoh and Co. Ltd.. The joint venture agreement was signed in November 1979 and the construction contract in April

1980. The capacity of the plant is 600,000 tons per year of chemical grade methanol.

Speaking at a press conference later, Al-Zamil said the product will have an assured market, since the joint venture partner will shoulder that responsibility in his country. In all, he said, the Japanese consortium will lift 5/6th of the total production.

Replying to a question whether the joint venture partners foresee any marketing problem in view of the oil glut, Wakichi Nagano, president of Japan Saudi Arabia Methanol Co. Ltd., said he does not anticipate such a problem since they have a competitive edge over others in superior grade of their product. Moreover, he pointed out, the Japanese consortium is backed by over 30 years' marketing experience during which they have sold over one million tons of methanol every year.

Amplifying his remarks, Ibrahim A. Salamah, director-general, planning and project evaluation of SABIC, said the Saudi plant will operate at full capacity unlike in the U.S. where the plants are functioning below their capacity due to recession. "We shall thus be able to control the cost of production. Our product will also be of a high quality," he added.



U.S. AGRICULTURAL OFFICERS: U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service Assistant Administrator Larry Thomasson, left, is on a visit to the Kingdom on the occasion of the opening of first Agricultural Trade office in Jeddah, headed by Jerome Kuhl, right.

First branch in Kingdom opened U.S. agricultural office to increase food exports

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 16 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has opened trade office at the American Embassy here, according to U.S. Foreign Agriculture Service Assistant Administrator Larry Thomasson.

On tour of various countries for supervision of overseas agriculture offices Thomasson arrived here Monday. He will be leaving for Bahrain on Thursday, where an agriculture office was opened three years ago. The office here will be managed by Jerome Kuhl, an expert with long experience of 24 years in various countries in this field.

Thomasson told Arab News, the United States is the largest exporter of agricultural products in the world, its exports totaled \$40 billion last year. Its exports to Saudi Arabia were \$500 million in 1982 and "with the help of this office we hope to double our exports in the next two or three years," he said.

The major items of U.S. food exports to the Kingdom include rice \$154 million; food \$35

million; flour \$40 million; meat \$29 million; fruits \$22 million; soybean meal \$17 million; poultry products \$15 million and corn oil \$15 million.

"Washington wants to have a good acquaintance of this market so that there could be better coordination between the agricultural corporations in the U.S. and private trade here," Thomasson said. "The office will have government and industry support."

During his stay Thomasson visited the Jeddah Islamic Port and some of the supermarkets, and was very impressed.

"It is one of the most modern ports with almost all the latest facilities available," Thomasson said. "Some of the supermarkets offer a wide range of products and are very impressive. There is plenty of competition and people have a good idea of quality products."

Farm credit discussed with banks

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 16 — A high-level, six-member American delegation led by Donald E. Wilkinson, governor of the Farm Credit Administration, met with the Governor of Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) Sheikh 'Abdul Aziz 'Al-Quarishi, Director-General of the Saudi Arabian Agricultural Bank (SAAB), Abdul Aziz Al-Mangour, Director of the Saudi-American Joint Commission (JECOR) Jeffery Kitchen, visited branch offices of SAAB and discussed farm credit with farmers in Al Kharij during the last three days of its stay in Riyadh.

Wilkinson told Arab News that Al-Quarishi stressed the importance of agriculture in the Kingdom and expressed support to the joint projects undertaken in association with the agricultural bank. He said U.S. Ambassador Murphy and JECOR Director Kitchen are very keen to extend all cooperation in the field of agriculture.

During the discussions with Al-Mangour and other senior officials, the delegation was told of the need for another phase of training program for some of the bank's officials to update on the continuing changes being made in the procedures. The training program for selected personnel of the bank will cover the latest developments in the use of computers for instant communications in addition to its role in data collection and retrieval.

The Farm Credit Administration, he said, has given training to some 175 officers of SAAB during the last three years and 35 are undergoing training in various farm credit banks now. This program was initiated after study report prepared by C.K. Cardwell, farm credit expert who is also the leader of the U.S. team now working with SAAB, in 1977.

7 companies join in gas plant

BAHRAIN, Feb. 16 (R) — Seven private Saudi Arabian firms will join state-owned Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) in building a \$145-million plant in the Gulf coast industrial town of Jubail to produce industrial gases, SABIC said Wednesday.

The plant would be owned by a new jointly-owned company, the National Industrial Gas Company, and it was hoped it would go on stream in April next year, SABIC said in a press statement. It added

this was the first SABIC venture of its kind to involve the private sector.

SABIC last year awarded a contract to Chiyoda Chemical Engineering Company of Japan and Chiyoda Petrostar of Saudi Arabia to build the plant, which will produce about 1,200 tons of oxygen and 400 tons of nitrogen a day.

Jubail is the site of one of the world's largest civil engineering projects as more than 40,000 workers transform it into what by 1985 will be the industrial capital of the Middle East.

\$ 2.27m development contract let

RIYADH, Feb. 16 (SPA) — A contract worth \$2.27 million to implement the third phase of a center for training and applied research in community development at Diriyah, 12 kilometers from here has been signed, it was officially announced Wednesday.

The project, started in 1970 as an integral part of the community development program in the Kingdom, was set up in accordance with a joint agreement between the Saudi Arabian government and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

The contract for the project's third phase was signed this week by Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ibrahim Al-Ankari and UNDP's resident representative in the Kingdom.

Delay in satellite project refuted

RIYADH, Feb. 16 (SPA) — The building of three Arab space satellites by Aero-Spacia Company of France is going ahead without any delay, Minister of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal said here Wednesday.

Dr. Kayyal said Arab countries had also

Kingdom, India sign SR70m workshop deal

DAMMAM, Feb. 16 (SPA) — The director-general of Saudi Railways, Faisal Al-Shuhail, Wednesday signed a SR70 million contract with the Indian Railways Company to set up a main workshop in Dammam.

The signing ceremony was attended by the Indian Ambassador to the Kingdom T.T.P.

dom Adnan Soghair. The project's main objectives include training senior personnel, field work staff, specialists and technicians as well as local leaders.

Other objectives are: Providing advice and assistance to the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry and other related ministries and assisting the government in carrying out rural and economic development activities in selected areas.

The project's first phase continued with UNDP support till the end of 1977, then it was decided to continue the project's activities into a second phase of five years beginning January 1978.

The project's third phase started in January this year and will end in 1985.

concluded contracts on establishing earth stations that would receive satellite transmissions.

He added that out of concern to followup all stages of the project, he had visited the headquarters of the French company accompanied by Arabiat's Director-General Dr. Ali Al-Mashat.

Abdullah. Shuhail said the contract was within the framework of plans to develop the railway system and provide the necessary maintenance.

The project will be completed within two years, he added.

Housing costs over \$6,350 excluded Experts advise American expats on taxation

By Jean Grant
Alkhorbar Bureau

ALKHOBAR, Feb. 16 — "In this world nothing is certain but death and taxes," wrote that wise old American Benjamin Franklin. He was right: that terrible taxing time of year has come around again for American expatriates here.

This year, however, the new rules of the tax game are easier for Americans living abroad, explained Alan Alpert, CPA and manager of the Middle East tax office of Fred W. Peterson, which is associated with Deloitte, Haskins and Sells, one of the Big Eight accounting firms in the United States.

"The Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 reduces taxes for everyone," Alpert claimed, "but the reductions for individuals overseas are drastic. Starting in 1982 an American who meets either the bona fide resident or the physical presence test can claim a \$75,000 foreign earned income exclusion."

In assessing their foreign-earned income, however, Americans must include as income all benefits in addition to salaries that their employers provide them. Grants for education, home leave, and housing often make the expat's income soar. Since housing overseas is often more expensive than in America, the IRS this year is allowing Americans to exclude any housing costs in excess of \$6,350.

"If you can qualify for the \$75,000 exclusion under the bona fide resident test, that's the route to go," Alpert said. He defined a bona fide resident as one who "has the intent to reside overseas indefinitely and has resided abroad for one calendar year, Jan. 1 through Dec. 31." If the taxpayer came in the middle of 1982, then he must stay the entire 1983 to qualify as a bona fide resident. There is no requirement as to how many days he must be physically present abroad. He can go home on vacation or for short business trips.

"It's on the honor system," said Alpert who deemed the crucial factor to be the intent to reside abroad. "This is difficult to prove for those who come here on one-year contracts. The longer one is overseas, the easier it is to prove that you intend to reside overseas."

The Physical Presence Test, by contrast, is a simple mathematical test: you must be out of the U.S. for 330 days of a consecutive 12 months, Jan. 1, 1982 to Dec. 31, 1982. Thus



Alan Alpert

you can only be in the U.S. for a maximum of 35 days.

"It's a great tax break, but whose tax break is it?" asks Alpert.

Many American companies here, especially management companies, have tax reimbursement programs where the individual pays tax as if he were working in the U.S. For these employees, the new tax law has a minimal effect.

For those Americans who are employed by private non-American companies there may initially be a windfall, conceded Alpert, but this is "really only a timing difference." After the initial benefit, the tax act will not have as much impact on the individual American working overseas as one would think. Companies will not lower salaries but may freeze them.

Because they will not have to pay Americans more to make up for their increased tax liabilities for residing overseas, Americans will in effect cost companies here less than before. This is significant at a time of cutbacks when managers are taking a hard look at costs. Alpert anticipates that a direct effect of the law will be to increase the number of Americans hired to do overseas work.

"Prior to 1962 Americans abroad generally didn't pay tax," said Alpert who has lived here four years. From 1962-75 they had a \$20,000 to \$25,000 deduction depending on the length of their stay abroad. In the early '70s however, the man-in-the-street in America was upset about the special tax breaks given expatriates and put pressure on Congress to cut back these benefits. Consequently in 1976, the exclusion expats could claim dropped to \$15,000. The implementation of this stiff law was postponed, however, and at 3 a.m. one morning in 1978 yet another tax law was introduced. It was geared to a series of deductions for expatriate housing, cost of living, home leave, education and hardship pay. Because of the soaring inflation, this law effectively left expatriates worse off than they had been in 1963, Alpert claimed.

Quickly American companies registered

their protests with Congress. Business would drop, they claimed, if Americans abroad cost more. And cost more they surely would if the companies had to hoist salaries to enable employees to pay their taxes. U.S. firms would be at a competitive disadvantage in the world marketplace compared with foreign firms whose nationals were exempt from domestic taxation when working outside their home countries. Equally important, for every American lost to overseas work, many jobs would be lost to Americans in the U.S.

The 1981 Economic Recovery Tax Act was intended to redress the situation. Filing one's return, a legal requirement, is still no easy matter because of the legalese of the tax forms. "Fear of filing" is still rampant at this time of year.

"A lot of people talk about the law being simplified, but the taxation of Americans abroad is not simple," Alpert said. "A good percentage of taxpayers simply cannot do it correctly."

Their fear of filing is often complicated by bouts of audit anxiety. Ignorance of the law is no defense for violation of it. "If you are not paying your tax here and have assets in the U.S. and the IRS catches you, they can take your U.S. assets away. They come full force. It's not worth trying to cheat," warned Alpert who was trained as an attorney as well as a CPA.

With the new tax break, more American expatriates working for non-U.S. companies here are sleeping easier than a year ago when stringent tax laws tempted them to cheat on the IRS, and gave them nightmares the IRS dreamt.

"Usually the more money you make, the greater chance you have of being audited," Alpert said.



U.S. AGRICULTURAL OFFICERS: The U.S. farm credit delegation, led by Farm Credit Administration Governor Donald E. Wilkinson, second from left, during its visit to the Saudi Arabian Agricultural Bank in Riyadh. The others, left to right: Larry Bacon, deputy governor; Dr. Ahmed Abdull Abasom, director of projects; John Hartling; Marion Mathews; George Anderson; Cletas Horie and Helmi S. Sadi, researchers.

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German Food Festival 'successful'

By Shahid Oraikali
Alkhabar Bureau

DHAHRAN, Feb. 16 — The evening crowd at the Dhahran Marriott is on a waiting list and impatience, typical of passengers on chance, prevails in the lobby. Marriott and Lufthansa are giving every one a chance to taste the German cuisine at the crowded Al-Makha Coffee Shop.

The German Food Festival is in full swing but it does not have its deadline, 10.00 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17. Gourmets arriving later than that will have to take a Lufthansa flight to Frankfurt to have the same German dishes which you may find tastier in Dhahran.

For Marriott's young German chef Klaus Meier, it is a question of national honor. But if you are in time at Marriott, you may win a free trip to Frankfurt; the door prize of a week's holiday in Germany with Hanstours is donated by Jet Travel, Lufthansa's tour

operators. The German cuisine at Marriott is in fact a Lufthansa effort to convince you that a week-long holiday tour offered by the airline promises much more.

"The German festival has been a great success," proclaimed Marriott's Marketing Director Mazen N. Kana'an and mentioned in particular Lufthansa's contributions. The airline, he said, has airlifted about one metric ton of food items from Germany to allow chef Meier to offer a variety of German cuisine and salads throughout the festival. Lufthansa also flew in traditional German costumes for Marriott's Philippine waiters, presenting eastern humility in western outfit.

A main reason for the success of the food festival and operations of Lufthansa from Dhahran is the increasing size of the German community in the Eastern Province. Lufthansa's District Manager Wilfried Buss estimates them at around 2,000 families but they make only 40 percent of Lufthansa passen-

gers on Dhahran-Frankfurt route, four Boeing 707 flights a week.

"About 30 percent of our passengers (in the same sector) are Americans because we provide easy connections from Frankfurt to the U.S. west coast," Buss said.

Another food festival, planned for Riyadh in May, is an introduction to Lufthansa's attractive tour packages offered during the coming season starting on March 15 and spread over almost three seasons (spring, summer and autumn) to allow tourists from the Kingdom to choose their own holiday week any time before Oct. 31.

The comprehensive program, Hanstours 1983, also offers destinations in Europe like London, Paris, Amsterdam, Budapest, Copenhagen, Milano and Vienna.

Attractions offered in Germany include Rhine Valley excursions, a tour that takes you to a charming village, Ruedesheim.

Lufthansa's Sales Manager Juergen Thomson said another tour arranged together with the Romantik Hotel Association, features hotels housed in historic and architecturally interesting buildings.

"The benefit of this tour is that you simply tell us from where you wish to start your journey and plan your subsequent stays on a day-to-day basis," he said. It includes a Rhine River cruise which includes stay in Wiesbaden and three days on a Rhine cruiser for a journey from Strassbourg to Cologne.

Enhancing Arab sports standard strategy drawn up

RIYADH, Feb. 16 (SPA) — The Arab Sports Federation has drawn up an Arab and international strategy to enhance the standard of sport, the president of the Saudi Youth Welfare Organization, Prince Faisal bin Fahd, said.

In an interview published by *Al-Jeel* (The Generation) magazine, Prince Faisal said: "The strategy is based on establishing specialized institutes, creating qualified cadres and making full use of sports and cultural records concluded with foreign countries."

On the forthcoming second Islamic Sports Tournament, the sixth Arab Youth Festival and the Arab Youth Volleyball Championship, he said the Kingdom was proud of hosting these events and added that a complete sports city was under construction in Makkah for the purpose.

Vegetable, meat market commissioned Funds for Abha projects OK'd

ABHA, Feb. 16 (SPA) — A sum of SR105 million has been allocated for expropriations in connection with the widening of the city's entrance from the Al-Khamis side, Abha Mayor Abdul Rahman Al-Qahtani said Tuesday.

Qahtani said that a SR20 million project to build Al-Thulatha's meat, fruit and vegetable market has also been commissioned. Moreover, a sum of SR10 million is provided for the permanent asphalted of the new main streets here.

Qahtani also said that a national firm has begun surfacing, building sidewalks and lighting a number of streets in the southern part of Abha at a cost of SR9.7 million.

Work is also under way for the temporary asphalted of neighboring villages.

A sum of SR9 million is being spent on the villages of Al-Sawda'e, Hejla and Al-Shaaf. SR2 million is being spent on the construction of public parks in various places here. Car parks, maintenance workshops and

incinerators totaling SR652,000 near the municipal complex here have also been completed.

Botanical garden planned in Ahsa

AHSA, Feb. 16 (SPA) — A botanical garden comprising a great variety of local and imported trees will be created here next week.

The committee in charge of checking the advance of sand dunes will sponsor the project and display the kind of trees used to halt the desertification process in the park.

Yusuf Al-Abdul Wahed, the committee chairman, said that 30 types of trees will also be grown in the garden which will serve as a reference to all farmers and horticulturists in the area. He added that recently the planting of a ten kilometer long and 100 meter wide green belts at Al-Asfar and Al-Ovoun areas was commissioned.

Yemen minister arrives

RIYADH, Feb. 16 (SPA) — North Yemeni Foreign Minister Ali Lutfi El Thor arrived here Tuesday evening. He was received at the airport by Ali Al-Suqayyer, the head of the Foreign Ministry protocol here, Ambassador to Yemen Trad Al-Harethi, and Yemeni Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Ahmad Al-Mehani.

Soaring dowries, wedding party costs are blamed for drop in marriage rate

JEDDAH, Feb. 16 — The marriage crisis in Saudi Arabia has reached such proportions that at one of the Kingdom's major universities only nine women out of its 360 female teaching staff are married. *Al-Yasmeen* weekly reported.

In a comprehensive article on the problem, the magazine blamed the decline of marriage in the country on certain practices including soaring dowries and cost of wedding ceremonies.

A 40-year-old unmarried woman interviewed in Dammam said that, despite her charm and virtue, she failed to get married because her father died while she was a child and was brought up by her uncle. As the years passed, scores of young men asked to marry her, but the uncle refused. He wanted his five daughters to be married first and by the time they were married, it was too late for the niece.

Dowry costs around SR250,000, apart from the exorbitant price of furnishing a house, the wedding banquet and presents that have to be given to all the bride's relatives. Seven single girls in Jeddah sent a letter to the magazine complaining about the ruthlessness of the father who insisted that only millionaires like him should marry his daughters. The youngest is now 30 years old and the eldest 50.

A 38-year-old unmarried woman from Dammam contended that her plight was caused by her overvirtuous father. Nobody enters their house, the girls said. She doesn't visit anybody and has no male relatives. She doesn't even attend the marriage ceremonies of her relatives and her mother does not chat with other women about her.

In another case, the father refused seven young men who proposed because they were not, in his eyes, up to his standard. Subsequently, people thought that he was simply against giving his daughter in marriage to anyone and they stopped coming.

Another one rejected all attempts to let the young man see the face of his future life partner, while the latter insisted that he could not engage in the process without having a glimpse of the face he will live with.

Another beautiful girl in Jeddah said she had missed marriage because her father insisted that an elder, maimed daughter should get married first. As a result, none got married.

Some girls also refuse to get married because they hear about other girls' unhappy experiences. Other girls also remain single because of their vanity or because they dream of the Prince Charming who never comes.

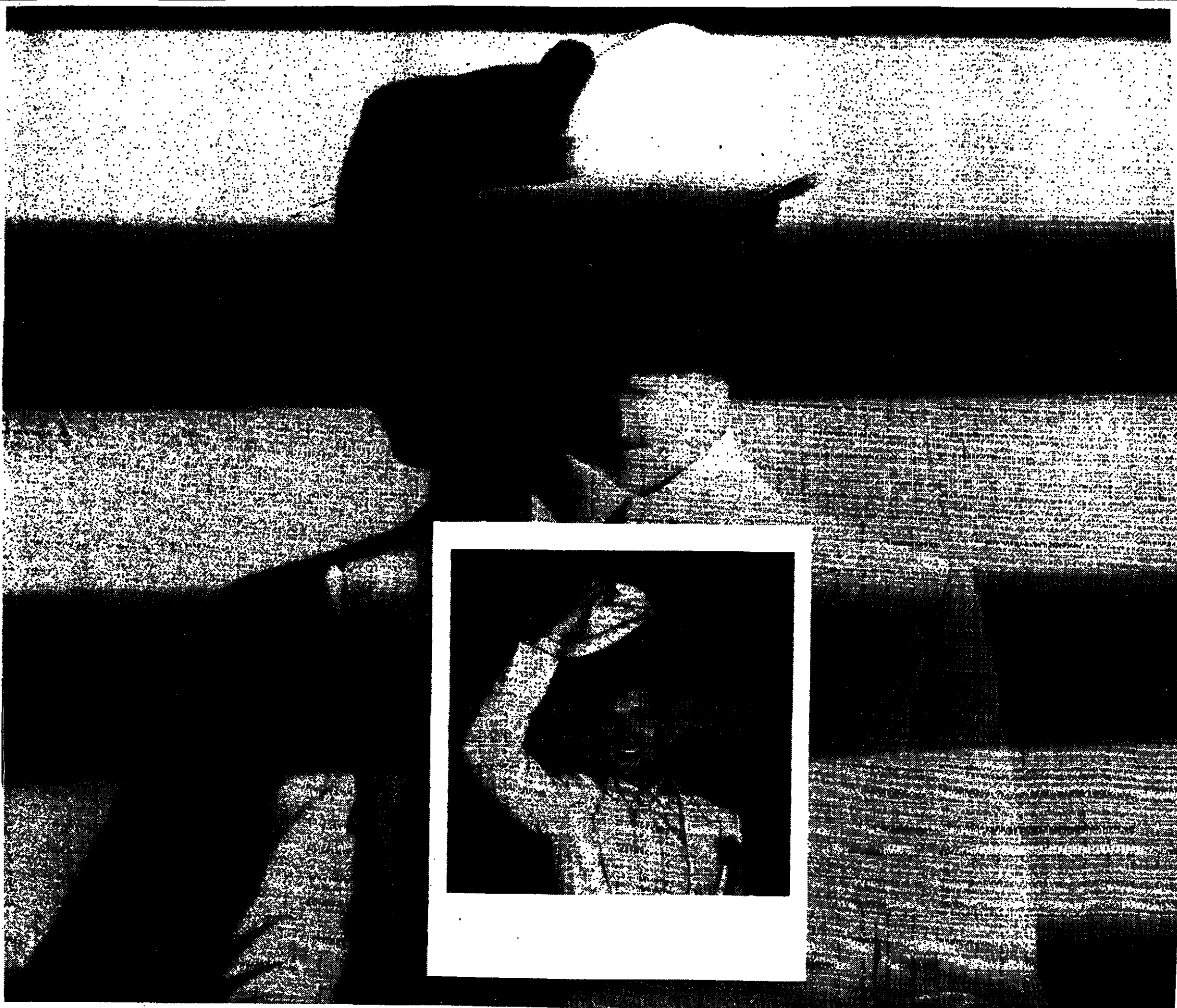
Educational standards are also a major factor. Certain men do not like enlightened girls. They prefer an uneducated wife to degree

Model slaughterhouse costs SR340 million

JEDDAH, Feb. 16 (SPA) — The construction of the model slaughterhouse at the industrial zone here has cost SR340 million. Every day 1,000 heads of sheep, 100 cows and 30 camels are slaughtered in it for various people without charge according to the Islamic Sharia.

There are about 150 veterinary doctors, technicians and administrative officers working at the slaughterhouse which has the most advanced equipment. More than 275,000 heads of sheep, 294 buffaloes, 21,495 cows and 900 camels were slaughtered at the facility last year. The slaughterhouse is open eight hours a day.

First, the animal is examined by a veterinary to make sure that it is free of disease before they are slaughtered. Another post-mortem examination also takes place as a double check. Unfit beasts are immediately destroyed. After slaughtering, the meat is kept in special refrigerators until it is handed over to the owner.



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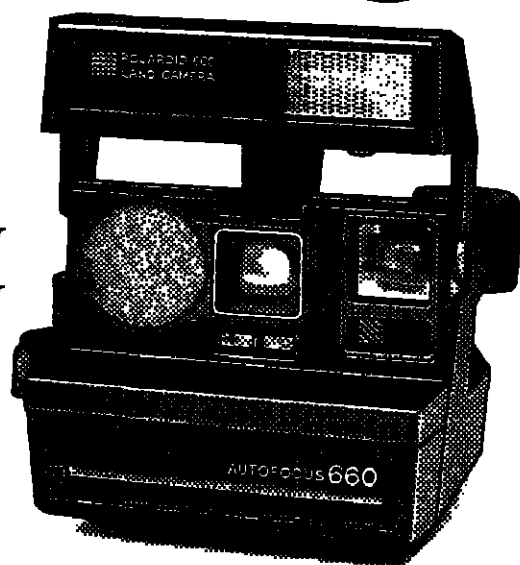
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U.N. panel urges Soviet pullout from Afghanistan

GENEVA, Feb. 16 (AP) — The U.N. Human Rights Commission adopted resolutions Wednesday calling for Soviet troops to leave Afghanistan and for direct negotiations to resolve the Western Sahara conflict.

Kabul seeks direct talks

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — Afghanistan said it wanted direct talks with neighboring Iran and Pakistan to resolve issues stemming from the Soviet presence in the country. State-run Radio Kabul, monitored here Tuesday quoted a government spokesman as saying Afghanistan was committed to a "realistic and flexible" approach. The spokesman told the official Bakhtar News Agency that "all problems related to the Afghan situation could only be solved through political means based on negotiations between the concerned governments," the broadcast said.

Both Iran and Pakistan have refused to hold direct talks with the present Kabul government which they do not recognize but Pakistan has agreed to a second round of indirect talks in Geneva in April. Iran has refused to take part. The talks were proposed by U.N. special envoy Diego Cordovez who seeks a political settlement leading to withdrawal of about 105,000 Soviet troops from Afghanistan and the return home of some four million Afghan refugees living in Pakistan and Iran.

The Afghan government is committed to cooperate fully with the U.N. envoy's efforts, the radio quoted the spokesman as saying. He added that direct talks were necessary for a "quick, reasonable, constructive and realistic solution."

Meanwhile, Kabul authorities have increased patrols in Kabul over the past few weeks to find men eligible for conscription into the desertion-plagued Afghan army, Western diplomats said here. Afghan defense officials are thinking of increasing the age-limit for the draft from 40 to 50.

Habre in Sudan

CAIRO, Feb. 16 (AP) — Chad President Hissene Habre arrived in the Sudanese capital Khartoum Wednesday for an official visit, the Egyptian Middle East News Agency said. MENA quoted the official Sudan News Agency for its report. It gave no details.

This is Habre's first official visit to neighboring Sudan since he became president last October after his forces seized the capital N'djamena in June last year, routing supporters of his Civil War rival, then provisional President Goukouni Oueddei.

Pakistani cinema owners go on strike

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 16 (AFP) — Most of Pakistan's privately-owned movie theaters were closed Wednesday in a protest strike by owners against government censorship and high taxes.

A total of 700 cinemas were involved in the strike which began last week in Lahore and by Wednesday had spread throughout the country. Pakistan's state-owned movie houses, however, continued to operate.

The All Pakistan Cinema Exhibitors Association involved in the shutdown is demanding a lowering of a 75 percent tax on the price of tickets, an ending of the government monopoly on the import of foreign films and a reform of government censorship criteria.

Iran sentences 22 Bahais to death

GENEVA, Feb. 16 (AP) — Iranian authorities have condemned 22 members of the Bahai religious minority to death in the southern Iranian city of Shiraz. Bahai leaders reported.

Gerald Knight, a representative of the Bahai community, said no formal charges were announced against the 22. He described the sentences as a continuation of bloody persecution of Bahais by Iran's leadership. Knight was here for the annual meeting of the U.N. Human Rights Commission, where he was appealing for international action on alleged human rights violations in Iran.

There was no immediate official Iranian confirmation of the reported death sentences. In the past, however, similar reports by Bahai sources outside Iran have eventu-

The Soviet Union characterized the measure as a "brutal intervention in the affairs of a sovereign state" and a "camouflage" for an "undeclared war" it said was being waged against Afghanistan from neighboring Pakistan.

China voted for the measure, saying it was the commission's duty to press for withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan. Yugoslavia also voted with the majority. The measure passed by 29 votes to 7, with 5 abstentions.

In another resolution, the commission repeated its appeal for direct negotiations between Morocco and the Polisario Front to resolve the Western Sahara conflict.

The 43-nation commission, the world's oldest and largest human rights deliberative body, meets once yearly to consider a range of rights-related issues.

On Tuesday, the commission approved overwhelmingly three vigorously worded resolutions assailing Israel for its occupation of Arab territories.

The most scathing measure specifically blamed the Israeli government for the massacres in September of Palestinian refugees in two camps in Lebanon, and said Palestinians will remain exposed to such dangers without "a just and equitable solution to the problem of Palestine." The measure also rejected the Camp David peace accords as a basis for establishing Palestinian autonomy.

Egypt refutes Amnesty charges

CAIRO, Feb. 16 (AP) — Egypt Wednesday criticized as "exaggerated and misleading" a report by the London-based Amnesty International about alleged human rights violations in Egypt. It said the report was at variance with the findings of other international quarters which commended improvements in the human rights situation in Egypt.

"The Amnesty International report is exaggerated and misleading," Foreign Minister Kamel Hassan Ali said through a spokesman. The 40-page document released Wednesday spoke of hundreds of Egyptian dissidents having been arrested, denied trials and tortured in the last 11 years. "There have been reports by other international groups praising Egypt for fair trials," Ali said without specifying.

But Foreign Ministry officials singled out the U.S. State Department's report to Congress on human rights practices in various countries issued earlier this month. The State Department report's section on Egypt said that despite arrested of activists there is no pattern of government-sanctioned abuses or systematic disregard of human liberties and that mechanisms exist to rectify abuses when they occur.

Some of 300 activists currently being tried on charges of attempting to overthrow the government following the October 1981 assassination of President Anwar Sadat claimed they had been tortured in detention.

Bahais to death

Authorities in recent years have considerably increased film censorship as part of the regime's drive toward further Islamization of Pakistani society. Scenes depicting violence have been systematically cut by censors and Indian films, greatly popular with Pakistani audiences, are rarely distributed.

Efforts toward Islamization have also brought a decline of the national filmmaking industry, with once prosperous studios in Lahore and Karachi languishing.

Minister of Culture Niaz Muhammad Arbab, who Tuesday met with representatives of the striking exhibitors association, has promised to announce soon a series of measures in their favor.

The Bahais say 119 of their fellow believers have been executed or murdered in Iran since Ayatollah Khomeini's revolutionaries seized power there four years ago.

In many cases the Bahais have been accused of spying for foreign powers, of being "corrupt on earth" or of other offenses with religious overtones. Iranian officials deny the Bahais are being singled out on religious grounds.

Bahai officials said the 22 apparently were among 125 Bahais reported arrested in Shiraz in November and December. In the most recent executions of Iranian Bahais, two were shot and a third was hanged in Shiraz over the past three months, they said.

BRIEFS

NAIROBI, (AP) — Somali rebels Tuesday rejected an amnesty offered by Somali President Muhammad Siad Barre. The Somali president announced last Saturday that an amnesty for certain anti-state crimes would be granted to dissidents who surrendered during the next four weeks.

DAMASCUS, (AFP) — French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson Tuesday confirmed the European Economic Community was preparing an initiative to ensure the protection of Palestinian civilians in Lebanon, saying France had proposed the move.

PARIS, (AFP) — The French Socialist Party Tuesday expressed its support for Afghan freedom fighters in a communique issued after talks here with representatives of Afghan groups.

BEIRUT, (AP) — One battalion of the Italian contingent of the multinational peacekeeping force in Lebanon was rotated at the end of a six-month term in Beirut Wednesday, spokesman Capt. Corrado Cantatore said.

BEIRUT, (AP) — A car bomb explosion killed an Egyptian attendant of a gas station in Lebanon's Christian town of Antillas, north of Beirut, and wounded five Lebanese

motorists Wednesday, the "Voice of Lebanon" radio station reported.

CAIRO, (AP) — Defense Minister Field Marshal Abdul-Halim Abu Ghazala said Tuesday Egypt is studying proposals to sell F-4 Phantom fighter-bombers to Turkey and "some other countries," the official Middle East News Agency said.

CAIRO, (R) — Journalists from 39 nonaligned countries Tuesday denounced what they called Israel's continuing aggression on Arab states and demanded its withdrawal from Arab territories. The journalists called for the creation of a Palestinian state led by the PLO and the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Lebanon.

AMMAN, (AP) — West German Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Jürgen Moellmann arrived here Tuesday on a two-day visit to Jordan within a Middle East trip, official sources said.

ABU DHABI, (R) — Dutch Foreign Minister Hans van den Broek flew home Wednesday at the end of a Middle East tour. He discussed here the Middle East problem, the Iraq-Iran war, and the promotion of trade and economic relations between the UAE and the Netherlands.

Uneasy calm reigns in Dhaka city

DHAKA, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — Tension gripped this capital city Wednesday after 30 political leaders of Bangladesh were jailed for holding a meeting in defiance of martial law. The leaders of an 18-party alliance were arrested by troops Tuesday as they met at the home of former Foreign Minister Kamal Hussein to plan future action following battles between police and students over the past two days.

Troops who raided the alliance meeting had been called in to restore order in the capital after five persons were killed and more than 100 injured in Dhaka and other cities. Detained leaders include Hasina Wazed, head of the Awami League party, and Dr. Hussein.

The violence started Monday when a student demonstration to protest about changes in education policy quickly developed into a battle against martial law imposed by the military ruler, Lt. Gen. Hussein Muhammad Ershad.

Dhaka was under a 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew and heavily-armed troops patrolled streets to prevent further clashes. The students are backed by the alliance, which has been urging Gen. Ershad to restore democracy, but the authorities said they would strictly enforce a ban on political activities.

Demonstrators damaged government property and other buildings and set fire to Dhaka's municipal corporation offices. Educational institutions in the capital, as well as in southern Chittagong and northern Rajshahi towns, were closed by the government until Feb. 27.

Political commentators said the closure would help the government as the country approaches National Language Day on Feb. 21. On this day in 1952 four Dhaka University students were killed when police fired on demonstrators demanding that Bengali be made a state language. Students and others mark the day by renewing pledges to fight attempts to undermine Bengali nationalism.

Telephone communications between Bangladesh and outside were interrupted Tuesday with operators in India and Hong Kong reporting that the Dhaka international operator did not answer.

Bangladesh has been under martial law since the army headed by Ershad overthrew the civilian government in March, 1982.

Shultz defends arms cut to Israel

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz defended President Ronald Reagan's proposal to cut weapons grants to Israel. "We have tried to put forward a balanced (foreign-aid) program," Shultz told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The Reagan administration made its foreign-aid proposals after reviewing the needs of Israel and other countries in terms of what the United States could afford, he said.

The administration divided up its proposed foreign aid "within the framework of what overall we think do-able," Shultz said.

Begin considers all-party cabinet

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — The possibility of establishing a government of national unity in Israel has been raised in discussions between Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Deputy Prime Minister Simcha Erlich, the independent newspaper *Yedioth Aharnoth* reported Wednesday.

The paper said the prospect of such a cabinet was discussed Tuesday following Erlich's return Monday night from the United States where he underwent open heart surgery.

Meanwhile, according to the report, the two major groups in the Israeli Knesset, the majority Likud bloc and the Labor Party, have been meeting to consider a national unity cabinet.

The paper said Interior Minister Yosef Burg, who heads the National Religious Party, a coalition holding six seats in the 120-seat Knesset, is behind the initiative.

The party, riven by internal conflicts, is anxious to avoid a new round of general elections that by its own analysis would cost it several seats. *Yedioth Aharnoth* said the party now wants to see the difficulties posed by last week's publication of the Kahan Report resolved within the present legislature.

The report found that a number of Israeli military and political leaders were indirectly responsible for last September's massacre of hundreds of Palestinians by Phalangists in two Beirut refugee camps.

The newspaper said the idea was to give Labor Party leader Shimon Peres the post of deputy prime minister, and Rabin a top portfolio. Pressure has grown for such a government to heal the split in the nation over the massacre report and the ouster of Ariel Sharon as defense minister.

"The overall share of these total funds that goes to Israel is very substantial," he said. "The numbers are in the judgment of the president the appropriate numbers."

Aid to Israel has become an annual battle in recent years between the administration and Congress, with the president basing his recommendation on his previous year's recommendation and Congress basing the aid it approves on what was granted the year before. The most contentious issue has been over arms grants.

Reagan proposes giving Israel \$550 million worth of arms during the fiscal year starting next October. Last year he proposed \$500 million for the same purpose, but Congress increased the amount to \$750 million despite administration objections that it would send the wrong signal to the Middle East in view of Israel's invasion of Lebanon.

Israelis smash Lebanese cordon

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16 (AP) — The Israeli military command announced that an Israeli patrol Wednesday broke through a Lebanese army barricade east of Beirut after the Lebanese tried to stop the patrol from passing. There was no exchange of fire, it said. The command said the patrol, commanded by a colonel, broke through the Lebanese barricade near the town of Monteverde five kilometers east of Beirut and continued eastward to the nearby town of Beit Meri. The incident occurred in an area under Israeli control, the command said.

Israeli troops also have had several confrontations over patrol rights with U.S. Marines stationed in South Beirut as part of the multinational peacekeeping force.

Israeli troops shot at a civilian car Tuesday killing three of its occupants and wounding a fourth in a posh residential neighborhood east of Beirut, Lebanese police sources said.

They said the four victims were driving through the hilltop neighborhood of Monteverde, 10 kilometers east of Beirut, when an Israeli patrol opened automatic rifle fire at them. Three of the four in the car were killed instantly. The other was taken to a nearby hospital and his condition was said to be critical. The police sources said they had no clue as to what caused the shooting.

Earlier, the Israeli army reported that Israeli soldiers killed three Palestinians trying to force their way through an Israeli road block five kilometers east of Beirut Tuesday. They were said to have opened fire at the Israelis forcing the soldiers to fire back.

Iraq, Turkey debate M.E.

ANKARA, Feb. 16 (AP) — Iraq's First Deputy Premier Taha Yasin Ramadan, on a three-day official visit here, Wednesday started a round of talks with Turkish leaders on bilateral relations and Middle East problems, including Iraq's stalemated war with Iran.

Ramadan thanked Turkey for its efforts to mediate in the two-and-a-half-year-old war upon his arrival in this capital city Tuesday evening. In response, Turkish Premier Bulend Uysal pledged to continue attempts to end "this very upsetting fight" between two brotherly states.

Talks would mainly focus on Turkish-Iraqi trade, the expansion of a joint pipeline and cooperation in oil exploration, production and distribution, official sources said.

Iraq is Turkey's second largest market for exports after Iran. Turkey maintains good relations with both neighbors by staying completely neutral on the war problem.

Last year Turkey exported goods worth \$600 million to Iraq in return for oil imports of \$1.4 billion according to official statistics. But Turkish exporters have recently reported a slack in orders from Iraq because of this country's payment difficulties resulting from the costly war and falling oil revenues.

Exporters say because of its physical proximity Iraq remains a profitable export market for Turkey but that some businesses are in trouble because of cancellation of purchase orders or delays in payment.

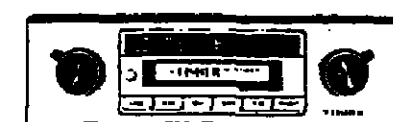
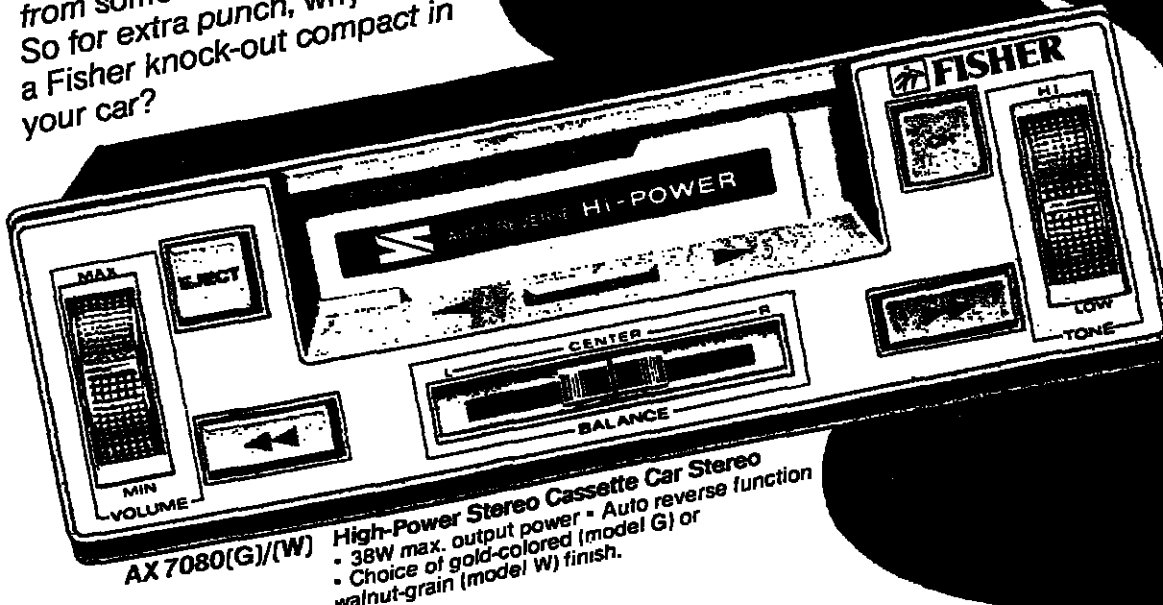
Turkey plans to buy six million tons of crude oil from Iraq in 1983 through a 1,000-kilometer joint pipeline which pumps Iraqi crude from the Kerkuk fields to the Turkish Mediterranean terminal of Yumurtalik. Because of the war with Iran and Syria's closure of a second pipeline through its territory, the joint pipeline with Turkey is Iraq's only outlet now for oil exports.

The sides will review a project to expand the annual capacity of the pipeline from 35 million tons to 49 million tons by adding loops and additional pumping stations to it, official sources said. They said Iraq has pledged to finance the total cost of the expansion estimated at \$100 million. Turkey will pay for its share in the future by foregoing a portion of transit fees it charges for the line, sources said.

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Elizabeth's dual role shows up

U.K. queen praises new law of the sea

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Feb. 16 (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II, visiting as Queen of Jamaica, dedicated the interim headquarters of the International Seabed Authority Tuesday and praised the new international law of the sea — a document her native Britain has so far refused to sign.

The treaty, she said, enables "the international community to face up to a fresh challenge which confronts the world today. Modern technology is in the process of opening up to man a vast new area of the world's surface by making possible the exploration and use of the seabed. There was a clear duty for the United Nations."

Jamaica's Prime Minister Edward Seaga, in his own speech, used the occasion to urge that holdouts sign the treaty, without specifying any countries.

The contrast between Britain's position on the matter and Jamaica's underscored the dual role of Elizabeth as monarch both in

World terrorism on the increase

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (AP) — Terrorist attacks increased in 1982 over the previous year and probably will continue to increase this year, according to experts speaking at a panel discussion on international terrorism.

Edward Marks, coordinator of the U.S. State Department's programs on terrorism, said that although figures compiled by various organizations often differ, they all point to a trend of increased terrorism.

"Terrorism is here to stay," said Yonah Alexander, director of the State University of New York's Institute for Studies in International Terrorism, noting that the number of terrorist incidents last month, more than 250, topped the total for January 1982.

Alexander said that between 1970 and 1982, 15,868 "significant domestic and international terrorist incidents were recorded." Last year, he said, 2,333 attacks killed 5,761 persons and wounded 2,638 others.

"This year probably will be more active, because some of the terrorist movements that suffered major setbacks in 1982 are expected to regroup in order to show their adversaries that they are alive and kicking," Alexander said.

Alexander identified terrorist bases as Damascus, Tehran, Nicosia, Tripoli, Athens, Rome, Stockholm and Paris.

Britain and in former British colonies which have since become independent.

She is head of state here as well as in Britain, and officially her visit was made as queen not of England but of Jamaica. British sources at the United Nations said they knew nothing about the queen's speech and assumed she had been advised by the Jamaican government about it.

The International Seabed Authority is being organized through the United Nations to ensure equal access by the world's nations to ocean resources, particularly minerals on the seabottom.

Delegates representing 121 nations have signed the law of the sea treaty following a law of the sea conference held in Montego Bay last December.

The United States, West Germany, Belgium, and England did not sign, objecting to provisions designed to promote access to the mineral deposits for poor nations as well as for rich ones which already have the technology and resources to conduct deep-sea mining.

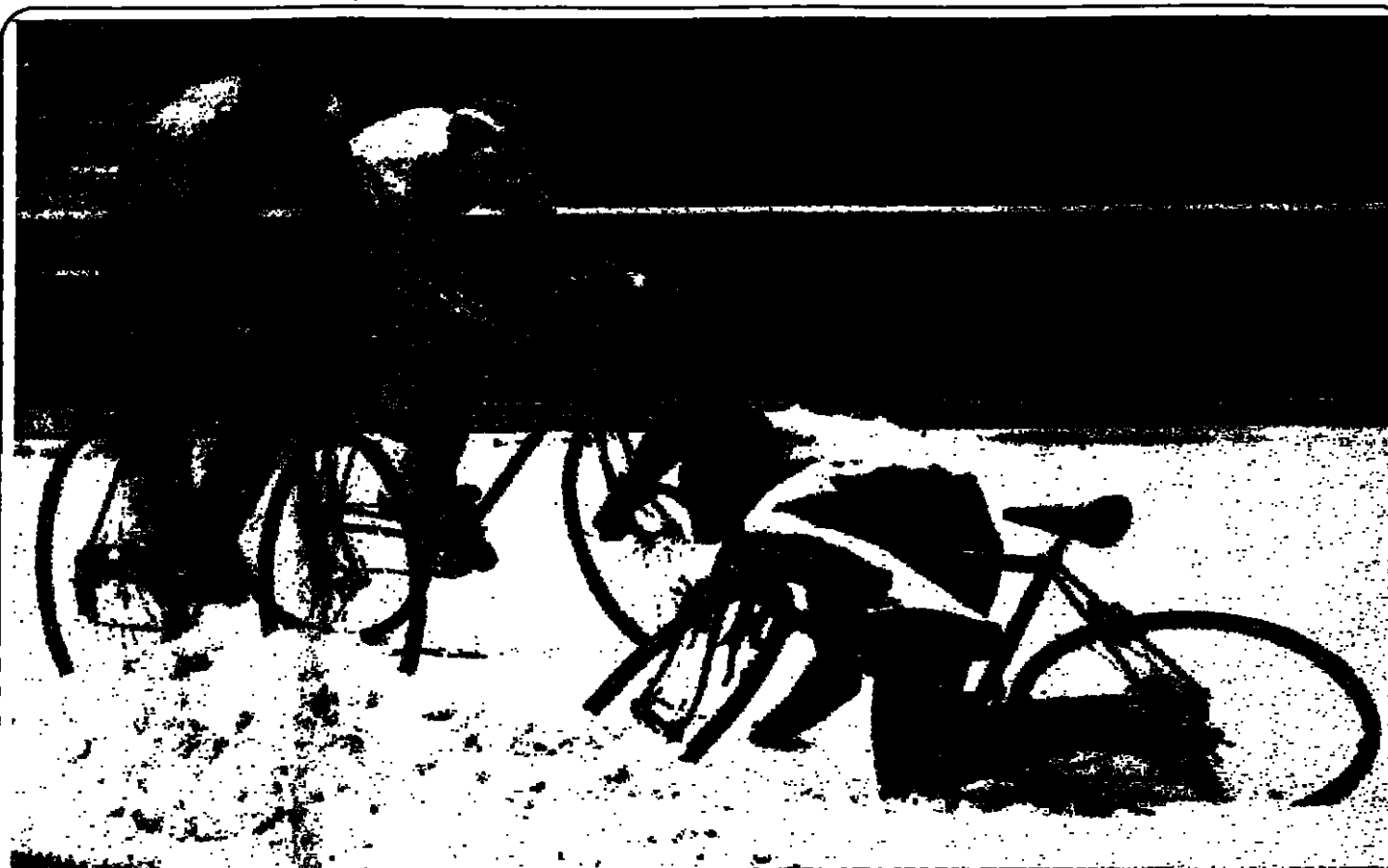
"We sincerely hope that those nations who have remained uncommitted or opposed to the treaty will before too long see the wisdom of participating in and undertaking which seeks to protect all, serve all, and ensure justice for all," Seaga said in an address to Queen Elizabeth.

The treaty "offers the world the most promising vehicle since the establishment of the United Nations itself, for the promotion of peace, security and economic development," Seaga said.

"By establishing a comprehensive legal regime for all ocean uses, a regime that recognizes and protects the interests of the weak as well as of the powerful, of those who have direct access to the sea as well as those who do not, the convention applies the principles of equity and justice ... to the uses of the sea and to the competing claims to the resources of the world's last frontier, the common heritage of mankind," Seaga said.

Earlier in the day, some 10,000 Jamaicans perched on rooftops and filled the town square at Montego Bay to cheer the monarch as she visited the resort city on Jamaica's north coast where the treaty was signed two months ago.

The treaty will go into force after 60 nations have ratified the signatures of their delegates. It will remain open for signature for two years and after that a nation can accede to it without signing.



SNOWY SPILL? What appears to be a spill on a snowy, slippery road is at a second glance discerned as part of an art piece cast in plastic by West German sculptor Peter Mitter and is set up on the campus of Bremen University. While the sculpture is of polyester, the snow is genuine at present below zero temperatures in West Germany.

French envoy urges Salvador negotiations

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Feb. 16 (AP) — Ambassador Antoine Blanco, special envoy of French President Francois Mitterrand, urged the Salvadoran government Tuesday to seriously consider proposals for negotiations with leftist guerrillas.

Blanco said his government remained ready "to support any peace initiative aimed at finding an urgent negotiated political solution to the Salvadoran conflict." France and Mexico proposed negotiations in August 1981.

The envoy, who arrived last weekend to review the situation in Nicaragua, said he had canceled plans to visit El Salvador because there was no possibility now for constructive talks. Blanco also has visited Colombia, Panama and Costa Rica. He left Wednesday for Honduras.

In El Salvador, a group of 36 leftist prisoners has begun a hunger strike demanding the release of more than 700 political prisoners, a spokesman said in San Salvador Tuesday. The strike is intended to "show the pope

that human rights are constantly violated in El Salvador," said the spokesman for the Committee of Political Prisoners of El Salvador, who asked not to be identified.

Pope John Paul II is scheduled to arrive here March 6 during a Central American trip. The strike will continue until the group's demands are met, the spokesman said.

A statement distributed by the committee demanded the release of all political prisoners and an end to the two-year-old state of siege that allows the government to hold prisoners without trial. The group also demanded an "end to the practice of disappearing of citizens" and "torture of political prisoners by the government forces" and protested "precarious and inhuman conditions" in the country's jails.

The spokesman said 28 men at the Mariona men's prison 8 kilometers north of San Salvador and eight women at the women's prison in Ilopango, 19 kilometers to the east began the strike Monday. He said more were expected to join.

Human rights groups here say some people have been held in Mariona Prison for more than two years without being sent before a judge.

Christian Legal Aid, a human rights group, said in a statement Monday that there are 709 political prisoners at the two jails. Another 1,189 persons disappeared in 1982 and 1,081 in 1981, the organization said.

In another development, an El Salvador Air Force helicopter tangled in high-tension electric wires, crashed and burned Tuesday near the capital's working-class district of Soyapango, killing six of seven military people on board, a spokesman said.

A Defense Ministry spokesman said the crash occurred in a hilly area just north of the Ilopango Air Force Base, 19 kilometers from San Salvador. He identified the helicopter as an American-made Huey UH-10, supplied by the United States under a military aid program to help the conservative government here fight a civil war against leftist guerrillas.

Fresh poll puts Thatcher ahead

LONDON, Feb. 16 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government, despite a water strike, high unemployment and the nuclear controversy, has widened its lead to 13 points over the main opposition Labor Party, a poll showed Tuesday.

The Market Opinion and Research International poll for London's *Evening Standard* newspaper showed the Tories with 45 percent of the vote, compared with Labor's 32 percent and the centrist Social Democratic-Liberal Party alliance trailing on 21 percent.

The survey, which compared with 8-12 point leads in other recent polls and a 9-point lead in Mori's January sounding, heightened speculation that Mrs. Thatcher will call an early general election in either June or October. Her five-year term expires in May 1984.

Standard political editor Robert Carvel estimated that with new electoral district boundaries which favor the Tories, Mrs. Thatcher would win an election now with a landslide 140-seat majority in the expanded 650-member House of Commons.

She ousted Labor Prime Minister James Callaghan's administration with a 44-seat majority in 1979, taking 45 percent of the vote, compared with Labor's 38 percent.

Ex-Beatle loses battle for royalty

LONDON, Feb. 16 (AP) — Ex-Beatle Paul McCartney has lost a 14-year legal battle over an estimated 5 million pounds (\$7.5 million) in royalties from some of the group's biggest-selling songs.

A high court ruled Monday against a claim by McCartney that the Beatles former publishing company, Northern Songs, owed the group royalties dating to 1965 from hits such as "Yesterday," "Hey Jude," "Let It Be" and "Eleanor Rigby."

The Beatles sold Northern Songs in 1969 to show business tycoon Lord Grade for 10 million pounds (then worth \$25 million). Grade, in turn, sold the publishing company to Associated Communications Corp. two years ago.

McCartney, 40, has filed a second legal suit which is expected to go to court next year. The claim rejected by the high court originally was made in 1969 by McCartney and fellow Beatle John Lennon after the group split up. Lennon was shot to death in New York in 1979.

McCartney, who wrote most of the Beatles' songs with Lennon, offered 20 million pounds (\$30 million) to Northern Songs for the copyright on the music. But the offer was rejected.



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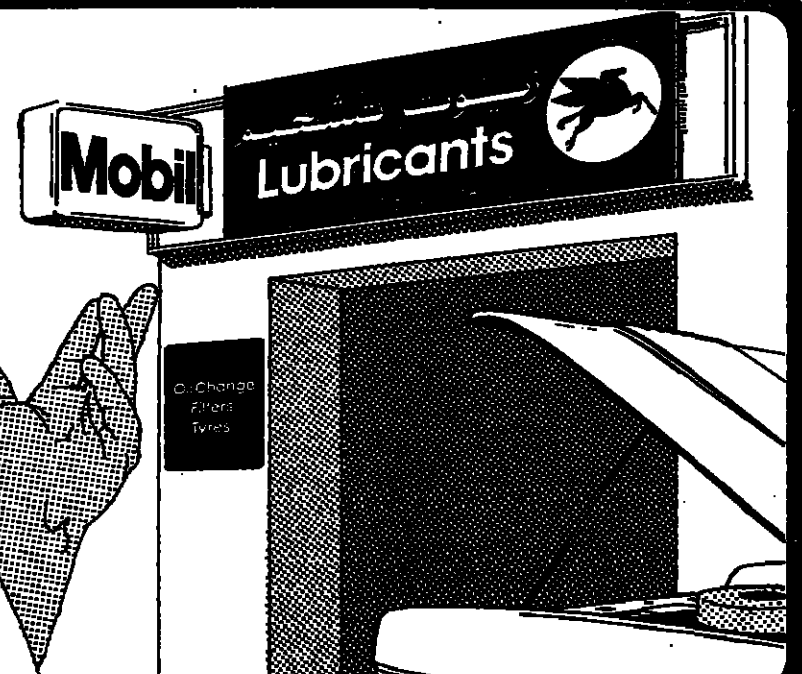
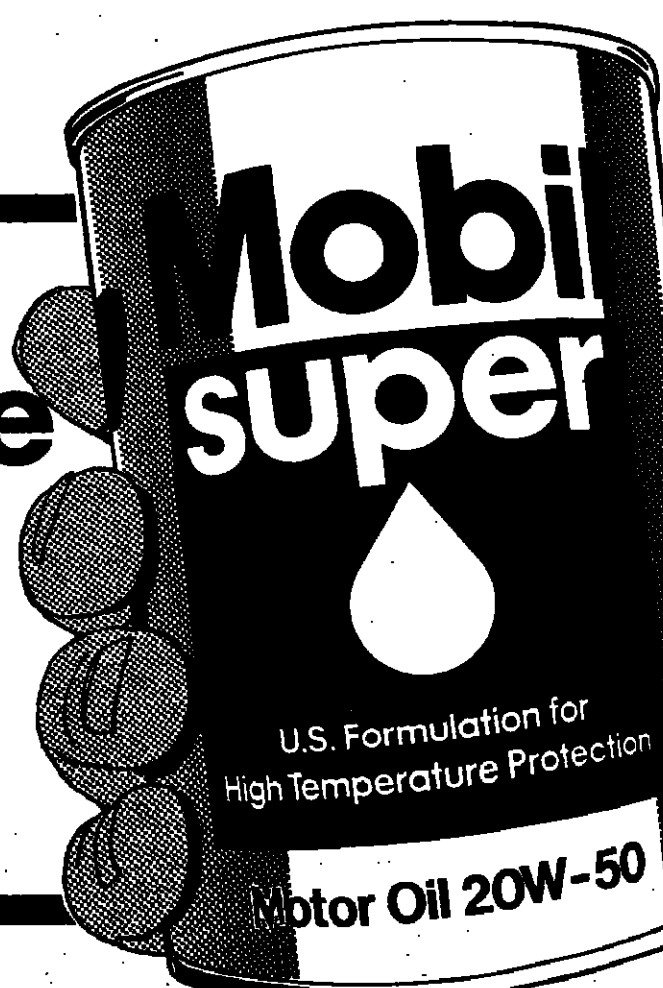
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Delhi 'not all happy' at Vietnam's stance

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — India is not "altogether happy" with Vietnam's handling of the Cambodian issue, a source in the Foreign Ministry here said Tuesday as a senior Indian official left for talks in Hanoi.

(Meanwhile, diplomats in Bangkok said that Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia might quit the nonaligned movement if they are outmaneuvered on Cambodia and other issues at next month's summit. Jakarta quickly denied the report.)

With the nonaligned conference scheduled to open here in two weeks, the Indian Foreign Ministry source said that New Delhi had expected Hanoi to make a gesture by withdrawing some of its 150,000-180,000 troops in Cambodia. India, the only major non-Communist state to recognize the Hanoi-backed government in Phnom Penh, had also hoped Vietnam would make a serious effort to negotiate on Cambodia as urged by nonaligned foreign ministers in 1981, the source said.

He said that the Indian government was not "altogether happy" with Vietnam's "behavior" and had conveyed its disappointment to Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach when he came here in December for consultations. The source, who asked to remain anonymous, made his remarks as K.S. Bajpai, secretary in the Foreign Ministry, left for Hanoi for talks with the Vietnamese on Cambodia and other issues to be raised at the Delhi summit.

Bajpai, who has already had talks with officials of Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia, is to spend two days in Hanoi, meet with Thach and study with Vietnamese officials a draft resolution on Cambodia prepared for the summit. The text, drafted by India, is based largely on the declaration made at the nonaligned foreign ministers' meeting in New Delhi in February 1981, which urged a "comprehensive political solution" and withdrawal of "all foreign forces."

(The diplomats in Bangkok said that Singapore, Malaysia and Jakarta were weighing a withdrawal from the 97-nation nonaligned movement as one of their options if they felt pro-Soviet members had gained the upper hand on key issues.)

(The three are also members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), which has spearheaded criticism of summit host India for failing to invite Prince Norodom Sihanouk, who heads Cambodia's

West criticized for S. Africa ties

GENEVA, Feb. 16 (AP) — The U.N. Human Rights Commission passed resolutions Tuesday urging foreign troop withdrawal from Cambodia and criticizing Western governments for maintaining ties with South Africa.

The resolution on South Africa which was approved despite objections from Western representatives, specifically endorsed armed struggle in opposing Pretoria's white minority rule. It accused South Africa of "wanton acts of aggression and destabilization" in neighboring black-ruled states.

In another section, the resolution condemned the policies of "those Western and other countries whose political, economic, military, nuclear, strategic, cultural and sports relations with ... South Africa encourage that regime to persist in its suppression of the aspiration of peoples to self-determination."

The Cambodian resolution called for a prompt end to hostilities and "the immediate and unconditional withdrawal" of Soviet-backed Vietnamese troops in Cambodia. Soviet bloc representatives argued the resolution represented an improper intervention in the affairs of Cambodia.

Watergate watchman sentenced for stealing

AUGUSTA, Georgia, Feb. 16 (APF) — Frank Wills, the watchman who discovered the Watergate burglary, has been sentenced to a year in jail for stealing a pair of tennis shoes.

Wills noticed that the latch of the Democratic Party headquarters door had been taped over to prevent it from self-locking in the Watergate building in Washington. He alerted police. That launched a chain of events that culminated in President Richard Nixon's resignation.

A court in this southern city Tuesday found Wills guilty of stealing tennis shoes that cost \$12 from a department store. Wills, 34, said he had had no intention of stealing the shoes, but had put them in a bag to hide them from his son, for whom they were intended.

BRIEFS

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) — Carnival festivities had left 98 persons dead and 11,159 requiring hospital treatment here Tuesday, an official source reported. Police said that violence was less than in other years, especially in the center of the city and along the Buach road. The carnival wound up Wednesday.

LOS ANGELES (R) — Douglas Clark, the "sunset strip slayer" who had called on a Los Angeles jury to recommend sentencing him to death, got his wish Tuesday. The jury of eight women and four men recommended that he die in the gas chamber for the murders of six young women. Clark, a 34-year-old factory worker, was convicted last month of murdering the six, whose ages ranged from 15 to 24 and who frequented night spots on a section of Sunset Boulevard in Los Angeles known as Sunset Strip.

MOSCOW (R) — The mother of imprisoned Soviet dissident Anatoly Shcharansky said Tuesday her son had ended a hunger strike which lasted almost four months. Mrs. Ida Milgrom, in a telephone call to Western reporters in Moscow, said her son, serving a 13-year sentence for spying, ended his fast on Jan. 14.

anti-Vietnamese coalition government.) (India has invited neither the coalition nor the government of Heng Samrin in Phnom Penh to the summit. New Delhi said it would abide by the vacant seat formula adopted at the previous summit, in Cuba in 1979, and leave any changes up to the conference.)

Meanwhile at the United Nations, the Bahamas, Barbados and Colombia were reported recommended Tuesday for admission to membership in the nonaligned movement at the Delhi summit. The recommendation in favor of taking in three new members was made at a private meeting of the Nonaligned Coordinating Bureau, participants said.

The bureau, they said, approved Antigua-Barbuda as a new observer at the New Delhi conference, granted the Dominican Republic permission to attend as a guest but turned down Honduras' application for observer status.

The Honduran application was reported opposed by the Palestine Liberation Organization, Angola, Madagascar, Iran, North Korea, Vietnam, Nicaragua and Cuba. The chairman of the meeting was Ambassador Raul Roa Kouri of Cuba, host to the last nonaligned summit meeting held in Havana Sept. 3-9, 1979.

China to launch new satellite

PEKING, Feb. 16 (R) — Communist China plans to launch its first communications satellite this year in a major boost for its space program. *The People's Daily* reported Wednesday.

The official newspaper said the main purpose of the satellite would be to gain experience and gather data, as well as to perform experiments in telephone communications and radio and television broadcasting. Industry sources said the satellite would also have important military applications. If successful, it could enormously improve communications between China's far-flung army units.

The People's Daily said in a two-sentence announcement that the satellite would remain in a fixed position relative to the earth at 70 degrees east above the equator — over the Indian Ocean. It gave no date for the launching.

China has launched 12 satellites into space since 1970, all involving much less sophisticated technology than a communications satellite.

Industry sources said China had been considering buying a \$200-million satellite communications system from the United States, but these plans had since been shelved because of economic cutbacks as well as political problems in transferring such advanced technology to a Communist country.

But they said China had obtained detailed technical information on the satellite from the United States during the negotiations, and Chinese scientists had no doubt used this in designing their own system.

Australia fires claim 28

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 16 (AP) — At least 28 persons were killed and 450 injured as huge bushfires raged across the southern states of Victoria and South Australia Wednesday.

The speed of the fires through the drought-stricken bushland caught many of the victims in their cars as they fled from the flames.

The fires, fanned by winds up to 70 kilometers per hour and temperatures of 40 degrees Celsius (104F), were being fought by more than 4,000 firefighters but many were still burning out of control.

Thousands of people were evacuated from their homes and police expected to find more victims when they searched isolated farming areas. Hundreds of homes were destroyed and early estimates said there was \$97 million

of damage.

In South Australia, the state government declared a state of emergency as the fire burned a 120-kilometer path through the state. Police said 18 persons had been confirmed dead in South Australia and 400 injured.

In the Adelaide Hills, less than 10 kilometers from the heart of the city, three bodies were found in burned-out cars.

In Victoria, police said the death toll was 10 and that 60 homes were destroyed in four different parts of the state.

About 1,000 persons were evacuated from the seaside resort of Lorne and nearby towns 200 kilometers west of Melbourne as firefighters were helpless to stop the blaze. Those that were trapped by the flames congregated on the nearby beaches.

Bishops criticize Filipino corruption

MANILA, Feb. 16 (R) — The Philippines' influential Roman Catholic bishops lashed out Wednesday against corruption, increased militarization, suppression of the press and violation of human rights, which they said were driving people to insurgency.

In a letter to be read in churches on Sunday, the Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) warned "insurgency, counterinsurgency, is the response of a segment of Philippine society that despairs of righting such wrongs."

"Other groups feel that they cannot obtain the reins of power for themselves save through violence," it said.

The letter said corruption in government

and private business was a major cause of growing poverty among the people and "heightened their already battered sense of justice."

It deplored "the torture and murder of citizens" for their political views, urged authorities to respect the human rights of detainees, and criticized the suppression of the media and the increasing use of armed violence in pursuit of power by forces of both left and right.

Church officials said it was the first distinctly political message from the pulpit for more than a decade to the country's 40 million Catholics, 80 percent of the population.

Hijacker frees all, surrenders

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 16 (R) — A man who hijacked a U.S. plane on a domestic flight in Texas to the Mexican border town of Nuevo Laredo gave himself up Tuesday night, releasing all 21 of his hostages unharmed, a state police spokesman said.

Alfredo Paez Galindo, deputy commander of the state police in Nuevo Laredo, told Reuters by telephone that the hijacker had sought political asylum and was being flown to Mexico City. He identified the man as Joseph Karia and said he was apparently an Iranian.

Federal police said earlier that the man, identifying himself variously as Joe Gonzalez or Jose Gonzalez, had been brandishing a submachine gun and demanding a flight to Cuba. The plane, had been on a computer flight between the Texas cities of Killeen and Fort Worth when the man demanded that it be flown to Nuevo Laredo, 1,250 kilometers north of Mexico City.

U.K. protesters held

LONDON, Feb. 16 (APF) — Police arrested 34 women demonstrators as they tried to block vehicles from entering the Greenham Common Air Base about 100 kilometers west of London, police said.

An average of 50 women have held a continuous campout beside the Anglo-American base since September 1981 to protest plans to deploy 96 U.S. Cruise missiles there if medium-range missile negotiations in Geneva fail.

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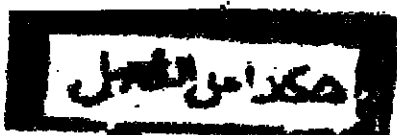
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German scientists show the way Getting sea fish from the cage

By Dietrich Zimmermann

BONN (GRS) — Many countries are spending more and more annually on the development of marine aquaculture, for breeding fish in coastal waters and the sea, if practiced on a large scale, would be the answer to quite a few important problems. On the one hand, for example, it could contribute to meeting the incessantly rising need for food, while on the other it would be an antidote to "overfishing" the various seas. West Germany has therefore been doing research on marine aquaculture for some years now and has registered some quite respectable successes.

The importance of deep sea fishing is best illustrated with a few figures. About 60 million tons of fish is caught in the sea annually at present — 15 times as much as in all the inland waterways together. That catch covers 15 to 17 percent of the world's food needs, and it must be remembered that in many poor regions the sea is still the only source of sustenance.

Yet, although the shoals are now hunted down with mighty trawlers, gigantic nets, and very effective electronic fish locating systems, the marine harvest is comparatively small. Even good fishing grounds such as the North Sea can yield 50 to 100 kilograms of fish per hectare per year at the most — a good pasture yields 10 times that figure, namely anything up to a ton of beef per hectare annually. And an expertly kept fresh water carp pond can even yield up to three tons of fish annually per hectare.

However, it would be wrong to draw the conclusion that the sea simply cannot produce more. The best proof to the contrary is supplied by mussel beds — those off the Dutch and Spanish coasts, for instance. Here, the meat harvested totals up to 75 tons per hectare annually — nearly a hundred times the pasture yield. And these are cultures which require practically no additional feeding from human hand; the plankton needed by the mussels is brought up in adequate measure by the current.

In fact, with correct and intensive care and

management, the sea will yield large catches. One useful method is "sea ranching". This involves releasing young fish bred in captivity in coastal waters and then leaving them to themselves. In 1977, for example, Sweden released more than two million young salmon in the Baltic, also a large quantity of sea trout. "Sea ranching" is now so widespread, especially in the Baltic, that more than half the salmon caught nowadays have been artificially bred and then released into the open sea. However, since — quite naturally — fish have no respect for twelve-mile limits, there is continual bickering. If the Danes, for example, land 46 percent of the Baltic salmon catches when they have bred only four percent, the Swedes, who have put in 70 percent but land only 23 percent, are understandably annoyed!

Until "sea ranching" is satisfactorily regulated by international agreements, it will probably interest mainly those countries with long coastlines — for instance the United States, Canada, Japan, or Argentina. In recent years, for instance, the Japanese have succeeded in quadrupling their salmon hauls. To other countries, in particular West Germany, fish breeding in delineated sea areas appears more reasonable. Such delineation can be accomplished in many and various ways: by closing off an entire bay with the aid of nets or firmer structures, by constructing large basins through which seawater flows, or by keeping fish in cages in the open sea.

Kiel University's Institute of Oceanography, probably the most important German center of aquaculture, has been devoting itself for years to mainly two aspects of marine fish breeding. One is the development of suitable cages; in Kiel Harbor, for example, rotatable net cages which have been brought to maturity are at present being tested by the institute on a large scale. The other is the search for species of fish especially suited to cage breeding. At present, at least in Europe, the main fish being bred in this manner are salmon and trout. This is because it is comparatively easy to rear the fry of these species, as their breeding has been mastered on the strength of experience,

and as both salmon and trout are much in demand and consequently sell at good prices.

The people in Kiel are also endeavoring to bring the cage breeding of these species up to the optimum standard. At the same time, however, they are devoting a great deal of time to turbot, a species of flatfish related to plaice and sole. In Europe, this flatfish, which can attain up to a meter in length, has very good market value. Hauls, however, have been dwindling for years, a fact which naturally makes the species an interesting proposition for aquaculture.

Breeding them, however, is fraught with difficulty. Although the female of the species lays more than 300,000 eggs every year, the larvae, which emerge after a few days, measure only a few millimeters in length and, contrary to freshly emerged salmon or trout, are in a very imperfect state of development — in the open sea 99.9 percent of a turbot's fry die, either of hunger or because they assume the hunger of some other denizen of the deep.

In a breeding tank filled with sea water, these tiny grubs are safe from their numerous predators, but they are still threatened by starvation, for nobody has succeeded yet in bringing them up on artificial food, as is done with salmon. Their only food is zooplankton, which, a mere fraction of a millimeter in size, are the smallest marine organisms — for instance water fleas and remipeds. Since it is practically impossible to catch zooplankton and keep it alive for lengthy periods to feed turbot fry, it also has to be artificially cultivated with the aid of plankton algae.

The people in Kiel are at present working upon the improvement of this nutritional chain. The first step is to breed the microalgae, invisible to the naked eye, in large tanks: the algae water is then pumped into tanks containing zooplankton, which in turn eats the algae, multiplies, and grows. They have succeeded in Kiel, by dint of ingenious plankton feeding, in achieving a turbot larvae survival rate of a good 60 percent. They have also succeeded in lowering the time up to metamorphosis, when the three centimeter-long grubs turn into young fish, from 30 to 36 days.

Common water for common cold

By Arjuna

MANILA (Depthnews) — There is no cure for the common cold.

That much should be obvious, although Asians spend millions of dollars each year on rubs, ointments, pills, capsules, drops, inhalers, syrup, and what-have-you, to alleviate the sufferings from a cold, if not to cure it.

Imagine my surprise to find that the common cold may be treated with a common — perhaps the most common on earth — element: water. Which, my friends insist, may be often taken for granted. But, they equally insist, it can do wonders in easing pain or even curing an ailment.

To treat the common cold, for instance, it helps to drink plenty of water, at least 10 glasses a day. While cold drinks should be avoided, a gargle with hot salt solution (one-half teaspoon of salt in a glass of hot water) helps. A face towel dipped in hot water and compressed to the throat also eases the discomfort, as will a hot towel compressed on the chest. Steam from boiling water, when inhaled, also clears congested passages.

All this, of course, depends on a healthy habit, like staying at home, preferably in bed, having a good rest and adequate diet, and plain taking good care of one's self.

Hydrotherapy — or the use of water to cure an ailment — is very effective in relieving pain and regulating blood circulation when properly and skillfully applied," notes Herminia de Guzman-Ladion, chief physical therapist and department head at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital. She should know, being the author of a manual, *Healing Waters of Water*. The hospital she works for is also known for its strict adherence to a vegetarian diet and aversion to smoking.

"Water when used properly has therapeutic effects, but it should not be regarded as a cure-all," says Herminia. While the manual she has produced is addressed to the layman, she insists that the procedures it prescribes must be studied carefully. For instance, during water treatment, all the clothing of a patient should be removed. But he should be properly draped, dry and free from draft. Chilling should be avoided during or after treatment.

Water as a cure has many applications. The following techniques, indeed, could be applied with water therapy: alcohol rub, baby's sponge bath, cold and hot compress, and hot or cold bath. Hair shampoo, using water, of course, can also be a therapy, as is handwashing, hot foot bath, and even the immersion of the pelvic and anal areas. Combined with moist heat, water can be applied with turpentine and oil to the abdomen. It can even be a douche for vaginal irritations.

And if you think there is only one kind of water, you have not heard of hot water bags, ice bags, ice packs, salt gargles, sponge and starch bath, steam inhalation, and enema.

Today, whenever I behold water, or use its soothing quality — to quench my thirst or take a bath — I regard it with reverence. And for good reason. Water is more than just a glass of water.



SCIENCE FROM EVERYDAY OBJECTS: There's a lot to be learned about science — even from such everyday objects as eggs. At a workshop for families, Harry, Caryl and Starr Whitten scrutinize an egg yolk.

Science in your family

By Madeleine Jacobs

WASHINGTON (SNS) — One mother in New Jersey likes it because it "gives my kids a sense of power." Another mother, in Alabama, says it beats "movies, shopping and watching TV." A third, in Texas, calls it "a powerful incentive to get the family together." And a mother in New Mexico says her whole family is "getting a hoot out of doing it."

The object of these rave reviews from mothers throughout the United States is not the latest video game or home computer. It's the Smithsonian Family Learning Project, a unique set of activities for families that uses such ordinary, everyday objects as apples and celery, lawns, houseplants and even woolen socks to teach young and old alike about science and the environment.

The activities are intended, in the words of the project's creator, John H. Falk, "to dispel the notion that education only takes place in school. Learning and education can happen any place, any time — and they can be fun."

During the past two years, Falk and his colleagues have been developing, testing, evaluating and rewriting almost 50 different activities from families with children between the ages of 6 and 13. A mixture of games and experiments with lots of "hands-on" involvement, the activities have been tried by large and small families of all kinds — including single-parent families — in 36 states.

The projects are designed to be relevant to everyday life, with "something for everyone," Falk says. Thus, there are activities on energy conservation in which family members compare the insulation value of such household objects as woolen socks and breakfast cereal, building a solar greenhouse from a cardboard box and old

cans, making paper from grass clippings, a variety of projects using houseplants and the family pet and even a number of activities in which hungry participants literally eat up the experiment.

In the "Kitchen Botany" project, for example, members of the family are asked to examine a variety of fresh food and, using the brief guidelines provided, to determine which are fruits and which are vegetables.

Another edible project — and a universal favorite among families who tried it — involves creating a pizza (open-faced pie topped with tomato sauce, cheese and other garnishments) map of the United States. Family members learn geography as they delineate rivers, mountains, cities and other points of interest with such favorite toppings as green peppers, onions, pepperoni and cheese.

Falk also sees the Family Learning Project as an imaginative way to bring children and parents together. Regina Pongrass, a Texas mother of five active boys, aged 6 to 16, agrees. "This provides a powerful incentive to get the whole family involved," she says.

For the Milstone family of Michigan, the projects have reinforced an existing interest in science and nature, says Sindy Milstone, mother of two boys and a girl. The projects' emphasis on keeping records and making scientific observations — for instance, on the family pet — came in particularly handy for oldest son Aaron, 13, who made the 1982 *Guinness Book of World Records* for documenting that his gerbil, Sahara, was the world's oldest. (Sahara recently died at age 8 years, 4 months.)

Even families describing themselves as especially close say the Family Learning Project has provided a new perspective.

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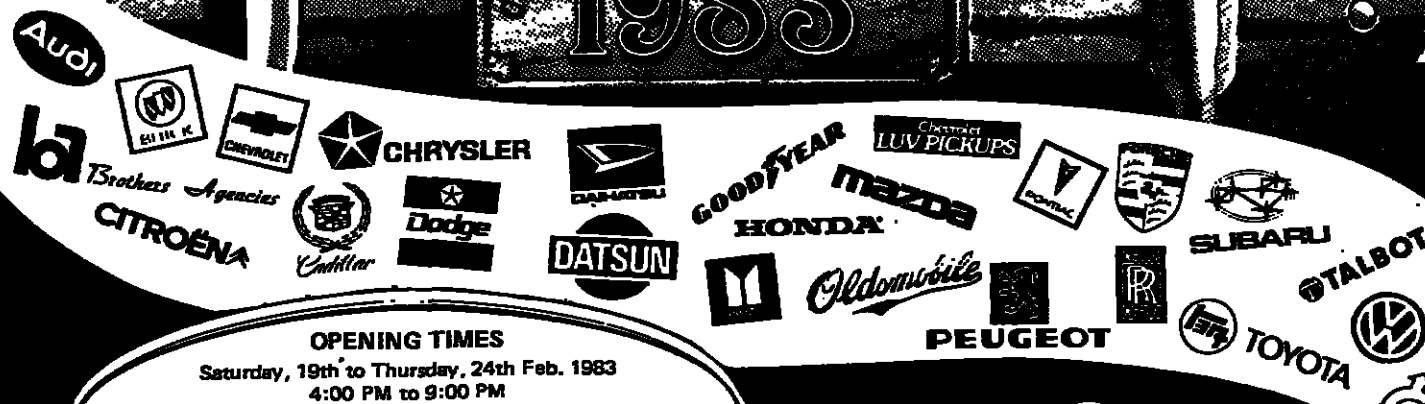
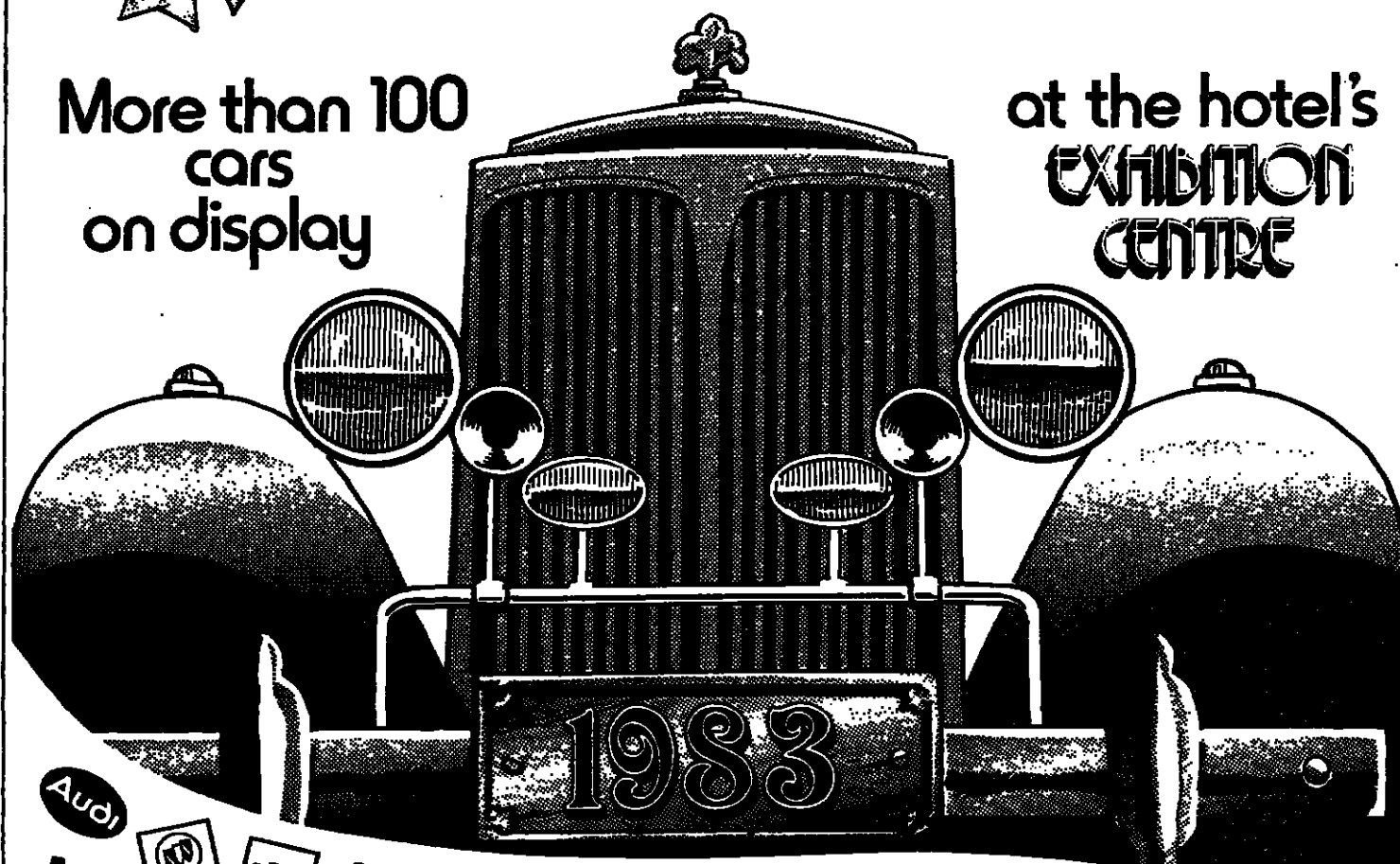
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IRAN'S INTRANSIGENCE

Although the latest Iranian offensive against Iraq has failed and proved to be one of the bloodiest of the whole war, Iran appears unwilling to talk about a peaceful settlement. At the same time, it is unable to mount a sufficiently strong attack to break the back of the Iraqi army and impose its own will on the regime in Baghdad.

It may never be able to do so, not with the West determined to maintain the balance of power in the region and Iran unable to obtain the arms that are essential for a successful offensive. Wiser counsel in Tehran must prevail if the Iranian government, or to be exact, the religious leadership there, can be persuaded to see the truth of the matter and advise on another course of action. Fighting will only cost more lives, impoverish both the combatants and their supporters and could conceivably engulf other parties in the conflict.

While saying this, Iraq must make a gesture by withdrawing from any territory that Iran claims as its own and return to the pre-September 1980 borders when it tore up the Algiers treaty of 1975.

Such an act will deprive Iran of any further excuses to prolong the war with which Iraq is obviously fed up because it has gone beyond its wildest calculations. It was believed in Baghdad that the war would be short and decisive and that the regime in Tehran would collapse like a house of cards. Nothing of the sort has happened but then Tehran has been wishfully counting on a popular uprising or army coup against President Saddam.

Saudi Arabian press review

Saudi Arabian newspapers Wednesday gave prominence to the message received by King Fahd from Bahrain's ruler Sheikh Isa ibn Salman Al-Khalifa. News of Somalia's First Vice President and Defense Minister Muhammad Ali Samatar arriving in the Kingdom and meeting with Prince Sultan, the second deputy premier and minister of defense and aviation, was also frontpaged. Other news featuring on the front pages included the King's forthcoming inauguration of an iron and steel complex in Jubail and the completion of the deployment of the Lebanese army in a unified Beirut.

Al-Riyadh said that the Arabs should not leave Lebanon alone on the battle scene. Because, if, as the years go by, Lebanon becomes again a prey for the Zionists and their allies, the Arabs will start screaming like women; but it will then be a cry in the wilderness.

Al-Jazirah said thanks to the sound economic policy, the citizen "is now enjoying the best degree of prosperity and stability and his per capita income has reached \$8,000 per year, the highest in the world."

Commenting on King Fahd's remarks at the Council of Ministers meeting Monday, the paper said the King's success in finding practical and realistic solutions to the difficult economic and financial equation has enabled the country to overcome current international inflation and economic unrest.

The paper praised Fahd's statements in which he reiterated that "the Kingdom's budget for the coming year is based on the Third Five-Year Development Plan and the people's prosperity and wellbeing is of prime concern." It asserted the people's full confidence in their King and government to "face any defiance imposed by current international conditions and push ahead the wheels of progress throughout the country." (SFA)



America holds key to Israeli pullout from Lebanon

By Hussein Dakroub
Arab News Staff

As the ongoing negotiations between Lebanon and Israel on withdrawal of troops threaten to be tortuous and tough, the question that is baffling political observers of the Middle East scene is: Will Israel withdraw from Lebanon as its leaders claim, or will the war-torn Arab country face the miserable fate of the occupied West Bank, that is, Jewish colonization? And will Israel's withdrawal — if it ever takes place — be at the expense of Lebanon's sovereignty, national unity and Arabism?

Judging by the official attitudes and actions of Israeli leaders since the invasion of Lebanon in June 1982, Tel Aviv is demanding a costly price for its withdrawal, a price that Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan has said his country is not prepared to pay.

But as a result of mounting Israeli pressure and blackmail, it seems that Lebanon is increasingly and rapidly being pushed toward a bitter choice: Accept the Israeli either as a "tourist" or as an occupying soldier!

In other words, the Israeli message to Lebanon, spelled out at the negotiation table, is clear: As a price for withdrawal from Lebanon, Israel is seeking either a peace treaty, security pacts, "normalization" of relations, or good-neighbor relations.

Right from the beginning of talks on troop pullout in last December Israel has been trying to side track the real issues. They procrastinated for one month over the agenda items. Later, Lebanese and Israeli negotiators agreed on the following items:

- Termination of the state of war.
- Security arrangements.
- Framework for mutual relations, including such issues as: liaison, ending the hostile propaganda, the movement of goods, products and persons, communications, etc.
- Program of complete withdrawals, conditions for Israeli withdrawal within the context of the evacuation of all foreign forces.
- Possible guarantees.

The two sides also agreed to address the items on the agenda open-mindedly, without any prejudice to the outcome of the negotiations.

The Israeli means of pressures and blackmail have taken different forms and they range from the stalling tactics and hardened stance to rekindling sectarian fighting in the mountains and Chouf between right-wing Christian militiamen and Druze inhabitants. It is said that Israel has been supplying the two warring factions with various kinds of weapons so that the mountain war can be used as a means of applying pressures on Lebanon at the

negotiation table.

Even the right-wing Phalangists, who have been allies of Israel over the past eight years, are now publicly accusing Israel of supplying arms to the Druzes, and of fueling the mountain war and seeking to divide Lebanon.

It is clear to most Lebanese in general, and all Arabs in particular that Israel is trying to remove Lebanon from its Arab environment, change its Arab and Lebanese entity and bring it under its own influence and domination.

It is also clear to Lebanese, whatever may be their political affiliations, and Arabs that if Israel succeeded in isolating Beirut from its Arab brothers, this would spell doom not only for Lebanon's economy and political setup, but also for its being a sovereign and independent entity.

Hence, the firm and united stance the Lebanese regime has adopted ever since it decided to sit with Israel at the negotiating table. This stance is based on restoring Lebanon's territorial integrity and sovereignty and safeguarding its vital links with the Arab world.

Wazzan told *Arab News* that "Lebanon refuses to pay any price for Israeli withdrawal and adheres to the Armistice Agreement and U.N. resolutions and to its indisputable right to sovereignty over its entire territory." The prime minister stated that a peace treaty, security pacts and a sort of "normalization" of relations have been rejected by Lebanon as a price for Israeli pullout. He also affirmed that "Lebanon will not renounce its basic and principled attitudes or its supreme interests and those of its Arab brothers."

Lebanon's Pan-Arab stance has been repeatedly affirmed by senior Lebanese officials. Besides the assurances given by Wazzan, Foreign Minister Elie Salem told a foreign press conference in late January that Lebanon "is an Arab state forever and an independent state forever and the Arab world is supporting it."

Salem stressed that Lebanon forms an indivisible part of the Arab world. Saying that Syria is the nearest Arab neighbor to Lebanon, Salem stated that his country is seeking to establish the closest relations with Damascus.

Salem revealed that most of the conditions which Israel is putting for withdrawing its troops, run contrary to Lebanon's sovereignty. "Israel is demanding the setting up of monitoring and early-warning stations on Lebanese territory. Lebanon will not accept stations that infringe on its security or the security of Syria, Turkey, Iraq or any other state in the region," Salem said.

At another press conference recently, Salem disclosed that Israel wants to open the border with

Lebanon for free trade and travel and that Lebanon cannot afford the high price involved in such a demand. "About 95 percent of our exports are channeled to Arab countries. More than 50 percent of Lebanon's national income comes from Arab countries. We are not going to open one border (with Israel) to close many others and destroy our economy," Salem said.

Chief of the Lebanese negotiators Dr. Antoine Fatal has outrightly rejected Israel's demand for monitoring and early warning stations considering them as "guns aimed at our Arab neighbors and environment."

Former Prime Minister Saeb Salam said Lebanon has set for itself "red lines" which it cannot trespass regardless of the consequences. Salam summed up the Lebanese position as follows:

- Lebanon cannot accept anything that violates or infringes on its sovereignty.
- It cannot accept anything that harms its vital interests.
- It cannot accept anything that damages its relations with its Arab brothers.
- Lebanon cannot accept anything that harms its economy.

"We don't want, like some people do, to open a door with Israel and close doors with 20 sister Arab states with whom we have mutual interests and pan-Arab commitments," Salem emphasized.

Pierre Gemayel, leader of the right-wing Christian Phalangist Party and father of President Amin Gemayel, told the then Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon that Lebanon cannot afford to antagonize the Arab world at the expense of Israeli friendship. "I explained to him (Sharon) that we cannot betray Israel and antagonize the Arabs. We do not want to be a foreign body in the heart of the Arab world," Gemayel said in a recent interview.

By agreeing to negotiate with Israel, Lebanon aims to put an end to Israeli occupation, restore national unity and complete sovereignty over its territory, and regain its previous beloved position among the Arab community.

Obviously, this official Lebanese attitude clashes with Israel's evil designs. While Lebanon wants the negotiations to bring about an Israeli pullout, Israel wants the talks to achieve "normalization" with Lebanon. And while Lebanon sees in the Israeli pullout the end of its ordeal, Israel considers the withdrawal — if it ever happens — as the beginning of its "peace" with Lebanon, and consequently with the rest of the Arab countries.

Israel also considers the 1949 Armistice Agreement to which Lebanon is still adhering, to have become obsolete after Lebanon signed the Cairo

Agreement with the Palestine Liberation Organization in 1969. The Cairo Agreement gave the PLO commandos the right to launch military operations against Israel from certain and specific areas in South Lebanon.

Israel's arrogant and aggressive stance is being confronted with:

- The Lebanese regime's strong determination to restore sovereignty over its entire territory come what may.

- The Lebanese people as well as various political leaders are rallying behind the new regime of President Amin Gemayel and Wazzan's government and supporting their tough stand against Israel and opposing any security arrangements that would infringe on the country's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

- The United States' insistence on getting all foreign forces out of Lebanon in preparation for the restoration of national unity, sovereignty and stability to the war-ravaged country.

Despite some reservations by a few the majority of Arab countries have expressed understanding and support for Lebanon's attitude toward the negotiations with Israel.

Even U.S. President Ronald Reagan has blamed Israel for the deadlock in the troop withdrawal talks, saying that the Israelis were technically an occupying force in Lebanon. In an interview with U.S. television reporters early this month, Reagan said that Israel was guilty of unnecessary delay in withdrawing its forces from Lebanon and was holding up efforts to negotiate a comprehensive Middle East peace agreement.

Reagan said broader peace talks would not be possible until all foreign forces were out of Lebanon and the "situation is clearer."

It is clear that reconciling Lebanese aspirations with Israel's designs is almost impossible to achieve. Hence, the United States, being the sponsor and partner in the negotiations, is called upon to effectively deal with the Israeli intransigence and hard line. So far, Washington has not applied any pressure on Tel Aviv to make it change its aggressive and arrogant policy, not only in Lebanon, but also in the Arab world.

The fact that Israel's very survival is dependent on the enormous military and economic aid it receives regularly from the United States, lends credence to the common reasoning in most Arab countries that America, in fact, holds the key to forcing the evacuation of Israeli occupation troops, not only from Lebanon, but also from all Arab territories under its occupation since 1967.

The question remains then: Will the United States, the superpower-defender and protector of the free people's human rights as it claims to be, and the financial and military guardian of Israel, apply effective pressures on Israel to force it end its illegal occupation of Lebanon and other Arab territories? Will Reagan bring Menahem Begin, Sharon and company back to their senses? Only time will tell.

Philippines Communist Party gaining ground

By William Branigin

MANILA —

Communist guerrillas are stepping up their challenge to the government of Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, attacking targets in greater numbers than ever before and increasing their recruitment, according to Western diplomats and Philippine sources.

The campaign by the New People's Army (NPA), the armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, is forcing the government to devote more resources to its counterinsurgency effort at a time of severe economic straits.

Marcos has ordered the deployment of more troops and helicopters in the southern Philippines, where Communist guerrillas recently killed 24 persons in three attacks. The president has also called for an "intensified peace and order campaign" in northern and eastern Mindanao, the island that has become the scene of some of the heaviest rebel activity.

While the New People's Army still is considered a long way from its goal of toppling the government, analysts see the organization as steadily gaining ground. Lately, the guerrillas' recruiting efforts have been taking advantage of hard economic times in the Philippines, where more than half the population lives below the poverty line.

The result, according to former Philippine President Diosdado Macapagal, is that the country — the most important U.S. ally in Southeast Asia — is drifting the way of Nicaragua, whose U.S.-backed authoritarian government was overthrown by leftist rebels. "What happened in Nicaragua is exactly what is starting to happen here," Macapagal, now an adviser to the moderate anti-Marcos opposition, said in an interview. He said that to forestall the Communists' gains, the United States should pressure Marcos to hold a fair election. After lifting eight years of martial law in 1981, Marcos easily won re-election to a six-year presidential term in a poll boycotted by most opposition groups on the

grounds that the contest was manipulated. Macapagal blamed the 1972 declaration of martial law and what he called the Marcos "dictatorship" for much of the Communists' success. "Ironically, the martial law government was imposed to save the country from 1,500 Communist rebels," who he said were originally confined to Isabela province on the island of Luzon. "But after a decade they're much stronger. Now they're all over the country. It's precisely this regime that has brought danger to the country." The former president, who was succeeded by Marcos in 1965, said the New People's Army now counts 6,000 to 10,000 guerrillas.

A Defense Ministry spokesman put the group's strength at 4,000 to 6,000 fighters, but insisted that only about 2,500 were armed and that they relied on a "mass base" of only 50,000 supporters and sympathizers. However, a well-informed Western diplomat quoted a provincial governor as telling him privately that there are at least 12,000 New People's Army men in the country, about half of them in Mindanao.

"Up to last month, the NPA had not really done much," this diplomat said, but in January an unusual number of incidents were reported — at least 28 rebel attacks — with some of the units consisting of up to 200 fighters instead of 10 or 12 as before. "The NPA has been recruiting heavily, trying to get more arms and demonstrate its strength," the diplomat said. He said the escalated rebel activity threatens to wipe out government gains in Mindanao against the Moro National Liberation Front.

In response to the Communists, the Philippine Army last month moved three battalions out of the Muslim area of west Mindanao to fight the rebels in the northern and eastern parts of the island, he said. The diplomat stressed, however, that while the New People's Army can make life difficult for the government, it cannot take power without significant external support.

According to another Western diplomat, the

New People's Army guerrillas "lately have improved their capability and willingness to involve themselves in large-scale operations." He cited an incident a month ago in which a rebel force of about 200 took over the coastal town of Mabini in the Mindanao province of Davao Del Norte for a day before retreating back to their inland mountain strongholds.

The guerrillas captured the municipal hall and local police station without a fight, seizing weapons, ammunition and other supplies and holding a flag-raising ceremony in the town. A firefight ensued when the rebels unsuccessfully tried to take over the local police constabulary headquarters, resulting in one casualty on each side.

In other incidents last month, two Philippine Army battalion commanders and a Mindanao mayor were among those killed. In an effort to reassure Filipinos about the rash of attacks by Communist rebels so far this year, Marcos insisted that the incidents "do not prove that they have become stronger and pose a serious threat to national security."

He told reporters Jan. 27 that the rebels were merely trying out new tactics in using up to company-size forces in their attacks. "But ultimately they get pushed into a corner where they have to make a last-ditch stand," Marcos said. "We have always felt that when they start moving in bigger groups, that is the end of their guerrilla group. When you hear of some 50 or 100 men going together, there is something wrong."

Since the president spoke, however, a number of successful new attacks have been reported. In one of the latest incidents, a New People's Army force variously estimated to number between 80 and 200 guerrillas raided government installations near the town of Tagum in Davao Del Norte recently, killing 18 persons including 10 civilians, Manila newspapers reported. Scores of others were reported wounded. Listed among the dead were a policeman and six paramilitary troopers. (WP)

Today is Thursday, Feb. 17, the 48th day of 1983. There are 817 days left in the year.

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Thought for today:

From the sublime to the ridiculous there is only one step. — Napoleon Bonaparte, French statesman-general (1769-1821)

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Deportees being reabsorbed with speed

Ghana in for reversal of urban-rural drift

The recent expulsion of Ghanaians from Nigeria has once again brought the question of illegal aliens or those who overstay in another country into the media spotlight. But Nigeria and Ghana are not the only countries affected by this problem. Moving of people to another country, neighborly or distant, either to escape the stark poverty and unemployment at home or in search of greener pastures, is a worldwide phenomenon. But not everyone does it the legal way. Whatever may be the modus operandi, not everyone reaches the promised land either as the experience of Ghanaians, Chinese, Mexicans and Tanzanians suggest.

By Victoria Brittain

KUMASI, Ghana, (G) — This capital of the conservative Ashanti region of Ghana has been the destination of about 70 percent of the deportees coming from Nigeria. No one

yet knows how many hundreds of thousands of people have been in the singing bus and truck loads which have come into the city in the past weeks. But their poor urban and rural communities have reabsorbed them with astonishing speed and resilience.

Kumasi has been a place of sharp confrontations between the new regime and the old establishment last year. The new influx of perhaps half a million people into Ashanti's two million, is already sharpening potential conflict between the new confident soldiers, working class and peasants on one hand, who believe the Rawlings government has given them power and the extremely important chiefs, religious leaders, and businessmen who have traditionally run things their way here.

This thriving commercial community, rich from cocoa, gold, timber and jute in the past, was the part of Ghana most drawn to the prosperity promised by Nigeria in the early years of the oil boom which contrasted with the spectacular economic decline of Ashanti, with the collapse of world cocoa prices and the general decay in Ghana's economy.

They young people flooded out to Nigeria — skilled and unskilled alike. And two weeks

ago every distant district of Ashanti sent every vehicle available to Kumasi to bring its children home.

In one village two hours of billowing dust and bone shaking potholes from Kumasi, 200 young men and girls had just arrived back from Nigeria. The high heeled shoes, dark glass and the quick manner of urban people marked them out from those who stayed behind. But with the arrival of a van load of cutlasses at controlled prices "the Agege boys and girls" were the first to push their way to the front of the queue to buy them. Within minutes the entire village disappeared into a thick hacking it down as the first step to clearing new land. As much as 85 percent of Ghana's land is estimated as unused. At the village meeting before the cutlasses were sold, one villager after another asked the chief in his long dignified robes sitting under an umbrella surrounded by his entourage to release more land. He did not reply.

Armies of lawyers have grown rich on land disputes between chiefs. The provisional National Defense Council has thus taken over jurisdiction over land which will allow the regional administration to simply take land for use if chiefs do not release it.

In this area chief was recently briefly

imprisoned after he ordered the burning of some squatter's crops planted on his unused land.

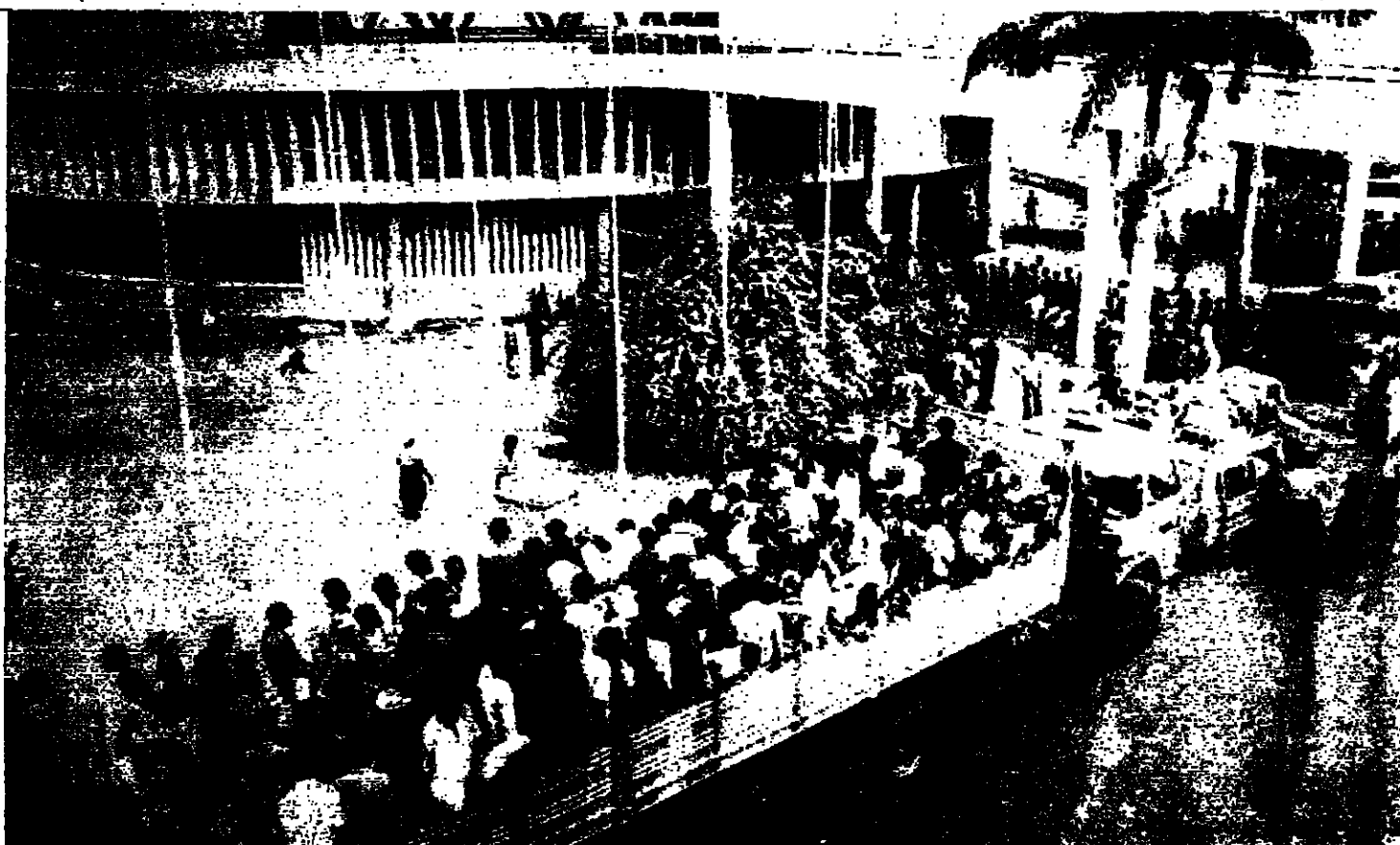
This influx of youths through Ashanti is a dramatic full reversal of the rural-urban drift which is one of Africa's most serious and intractable problems. In Ashanti with the fall in world cocoa prices, previously prosperous towns and villages are now ghost communities. Roads have collapsed, bridges slipped in the water, buildings are decayed and the population of many villages is mainly women, children and old men. The new land power is exactly what is needed if it can only be kept here.

In Ashanti over the last year already efforts have been made to revive these villages and to stop the trend away from the countryside by crash programs such as training local health workers from inside each community. Nearly 3,000 villages and small towns in this area have no nurse or clinic, but there will be one in every village in just two years time if the current program succeeds. In the typical pattern of Ghana today it bypasses the sleepy bureaucracy (which has had such a program gathering dust on the shelf since 1977) and is the work of an informal training scheme organized at the initiative of the energetic regional secretary.

One hundred acres of fish farms are being built by villagers in a program for food self-sufficiency. By the middle of next year there should be one kilo of fish per person per week for the whole region. With the present food shortage, all such full-scale practical projects are seized on avidly by villagers. The demand for places on the health worker courses and for inclusion in the fish farming scheme is far greater than the informal parallel bureaucracy can handle.

The regional administration and the local defense committees are now registering all returnees in their home community and in these rural areas trying to organize them into cooperative farming on unused land. "The first three months is crucial to reintegrating them into rural life, where they still have roots, rather than letting them drift into Kumasi," says regional secretary Kwame Kessie.

The sense of community control of the returnees is strong in Kumasi itself. In Magazine a huge area of 1,000 workshops of mechanics of every sort, two families sat under the trees waiting for the chairman of the defense committee to finish under the car he was working on. Two teenage boys who had started apprenticeships before getting the "quick money fever" for Nigeria, were being offered back to him. "The head of state came here and told us we had to welcome these people, so I will take them as apprentices, but we have to have guarantees from the families," said the defense committee chairman.



EXODUS: Ghanaians expelled from Nigeria arrive on trucks at Accra fairgrounds on their way to various destinations in the country.

The route to Hong Kong is shark-infested

By Rajendra Bajpai

HONG KONG (R) — Increased vigilance on land and at sea has helped cut the flow of illegal immigrants from China to Hong Kong to a relative trickle but thousands reach the British colony every year in search of a better life.

The Chinese, mainly from neighboring Guangdong province, show great ingenuity and often take great risks in their efforts to reach Hong Kong. Many are killed by sharks while attempting to swim to the colony.

They are convinced Hong Kong offers a life of luxury and that jobs are easily available, said Superintendent Vianney Willy-Firth of the Marine Police, whose men are responsible for blocking the sea route from China.

"They are among the most glib people and willing to believe anything," he said. "One young man we arrested said he was told he could demand a house from the government on arrival."

Last year 8,676 illegal immigrants were arrested compared to nearly 90,000 in 1979 when the flow was at its peak. About half a million have evaded capture in the past few years, pushing the colony's population to over five million and leading to pressure on housing and civic amenities.

Army and police guard the 56 kms land border between China and Hong Kong. At sea 110 marine police boats keep watch on fishing junks, sampans (a small boat) and speed boats which might be trying to sneak in with cargos of immigrants.

Crime syndicates are largely responsible

for ferrying the illegals to Hong Kong and sometimes the journey can end in tragedy. When their vessels are chased by police boats the crews sometimes dump their passengers into the sea.

"They are absolutely ruthless and treat the immigrants as commodities," said Willy-Firth. "When we chase them they think nothing of dumping these people to lighten the load to gain greater speed."

In one recent case, marine police discovered the bodies of four children in tiny boxes fitted to a boat found on a beach. They were apparently left to die when the men bringing them in abandoned the craft to escape police patrols.

Many of the syndicates are run by former illegal immigrants who drifted into crime after failing to find lucrative jobs.

Police say the syndicates charge 2,000 to 40,000 Hong Kong dollars (\$300 to \$6,000) to smuggle a person into the colony. Children, some as young as four, are among the latest "commodities" being smuggled into Hong Kong.

Most of them are sent by parents still living in China, who hope their offspring will have a better future in the colony. "Some of them are so ignorant. They believe we are looking for gold when we are digging up roads," one police officer said.

The word has now spread that jobs are not easy to find and there have been cases of illegal immigrants walking into police stations to demand repatriation to their homeland. But there are always a few thousand still willing to chance their luck.

The men who bring them often use speed boats that run much faster than the larger police launches. "It is not very expensive to buy speed boats here that will carry four adults or eight children — and they run like hell," said another policeman.

At night boats bringing the illegals switch off their lights in an effort to escape police detection. Police boats do the same in a constant war of nerves with the traffickers. "Although it's easy they have not yet tried intercepting our communications and at the moment we have far more sophisticated equipment than they have," said Willy-Firth.

Land of outlaws poised for change

By Samanta Banerjee

NEW DELHI (Depthnews) — The dramatic surrender last week of India's bandit queen Phoolan Devi to police has once again brought the Chambal area, the twisting maze-like ravines, that sheltered her for years as it did many others before her, to the attention of the public.

Spread over 44,602 square kilometers, the area covers contiguous parts of three important states — Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. The name of the area comes from the Chambal River known as a "river under a curse."

Chambal and its tributaries change their course, run through human habitation and cultivable fields, erode the soil and in the process have created wide labyrinthine ravines crisscrossing the whole area. It is estimated that every year, 800 hectares of land are being claimed by the ravines.

These ravines have provided ideal shelter for bandits, or dacoits as they are known in India. Way back in the 12th century, members of a clan which ruled the neighboring area were driven from their homes by a rival group. The losers fled to the ravines. Since nothing could be grown in the dry, eroded soil, these people, constantly on the move, became desperadoes.

They used to loot the traders' caravans passing through the Chambal on their way from Delhi, the Mogul capital to the south. Their allies were the neighboring villagers who often joined the dacoits to escape poverty, because of the river's unpredictable course. That tradition still lives in Chambal. The 12th century desperadoes have left behind generations of outlaws, ranging from Robin Hood-types to brigands inspiring only fear by their terror tactics. In Madhya Pradesh alone, there are about 60 dacoit gangs consisting of 12 to 40 members each. Among them 24 are inter-stage gangs, operating also in neighboring Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

Attempts to flush out the dacoits from the impenetrable mazes often failed. Occasionally some gangs are busted when the police manage to encircle them. Some gang leaders surrender when they find things too hot for them. But new gangs crop up. The backward-

ness of the area, the destruction of villages and cultivable land by the ravines, land disputes and lack of alternative livelihood drive the villagers to join the dacoits.

Since the problem has economic and geographical roots, efforts are now being made to tackle these two factors through the Chambal project. It seeks to improve the present irrigation system, construct roads and develop agriculture, among others. The principal aim of this interesting experiment is to change the face of an entire area to erase traditional banditry that has been its bane for the last eight centuries.

Pilot projects in the Chambal area of Rajasthan involving land and water management were first assisted by the United Nations Development Program and the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization. These were later aided by World Bank loans totaling \$100 million.

In the Chambal area of Madhya Pradesh in 1975, a Command Area Development program was undertaken for which the International Development Agency (IDA) gave a credit of \$24 million. Phase I of the project ended in June 1981, followed immediately by the second phase. The area under irrigation has gone up from 1.6 million hectares in 1974-75 to 1.8 million hectares. The cropping intensity has gone up from 107 to 114 during the same period.

The Chambal area of Madhya Pradesh is now the leading fertilizer user in the state. The area under paddy cultivation has gone up by 26 percent and that under wheat by 22 percent. More and more people are using tractors — an instance of farmers taking to mechanization.

The complete benefits of the first phase are yet to be evaluated. But it is estimated that in the coming years, it would provide additional employment in agriculture; nearly double the income of 93,000 farmers, including 35,000 small farmers, and increase production of foodgrains and pulses by 184,000 tons.

The treacherous ravines are being eliminated. A pilot project was first undertaken to identify the cheapest method for ravine erosion control. The work comprised perimeter bunding and drains to control the floodwaters. Besides, land was leveled, roads were

built and drains and water courses were reconstructed.

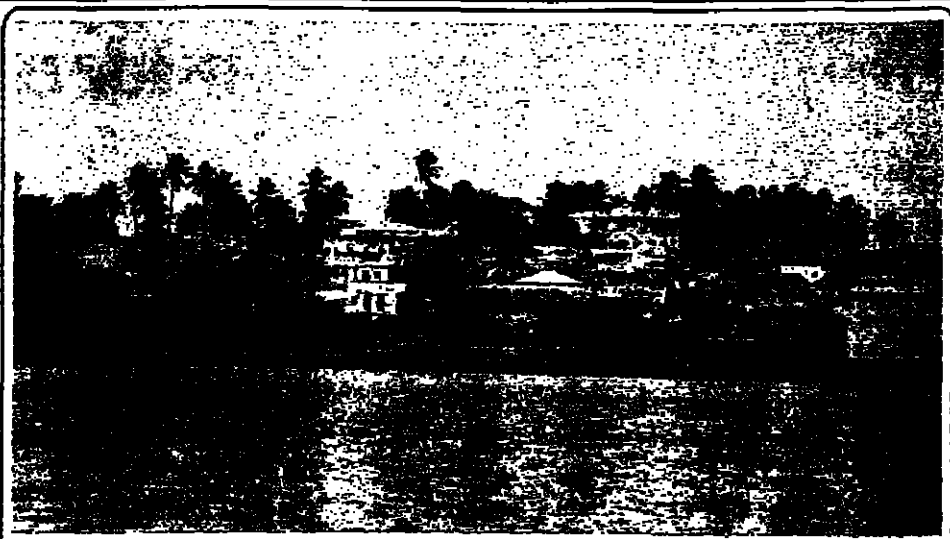
The ravines have been classified into four categories according to their depth. The deepest ravines are being covered by forests while only the shallow ones are being reclaimed. But traditional forest plantation cannot take place because deeper ravines are simply inaccessible.

In 1980, 500 hectares of ravine land were subjected to aerial seeding. After one year, 552 plants per hectare were surviving — an encouraging achievement considering that it costs only \$14 per hectare compared to \$220 by traditional methods. By 1981, an additional 2,000 hectares came under the aerial seeding program.

But what has been achieved so far covers only the fringe. About 60,000 hectares of the area will continue to be waterlogged. The second phase, thus, is concentrating on the use of ground and surface water. Deep tubewells are being constructed to augment surface water supplies. Peripheral bunds are being built to prevent the ravines from encroaching on fertile land.

This early, however, doubts are being raised about the efficacy of the projects. While the elimination of the ravines in a few areas might have led to better road systems and improved prospects for agriculture, the benefits go only to a few. These are usually rich farmers who have official connections to get a water course constructed near their fields and can afford to procure fertilizers and other inputs. There is also a fierce scramble for land which has now become fertile. Here the rule, "might is right" applies. Those who are powerful and rich are driving out the poor from their land.

Meanwhile, the poor and the dispossessed are fleeing to the vast ravines still untouched by development, in the process, swelling the ranks of the dacoits. At this point, it is evident that mere technical changes are not enough. They might increase production, or even change the face of an area, but would not lead to a permanent solution of the problem of dacoity. Unless these changes are accompanied by social justice and equitable distribution of income, Chambal will continue to be a "land under a curse."



LAUNCHING PAD: The Kenyan port of Mombassa which serves as a launching pad for Tanzanians seeking job on foreign ships.

Tanzanian stowaways

By Gray Phoenix

MOMBASA, Kenya (AP) — The lure of a better life, a failing economy at home and lax port security have drawn an increasing number of Tanzanians to Mombasa to become stowaways on foreign ships, shipping sources say.

"They have been known to slip past harbor guards and sneak aboard with much ease," said a shipping industry source here. They slip onboard, in hope that when they are discovered at sea they will get jobs. Some foreign ships, particularly Greek-registered freighters, have a reputation for hiring stowaways as cheap labor who, without union protection, are eager to find work no matter how poor the terms offered, port sources said.

This Indian Ocean port handles more ships than any other on Africa's East Coast, said Alfred J. Fumbi, the harbor master. "And this fact tends to attract aspiring sailors from neighboring countries."

There was no work for two Kenyans and a Tanzanian who were discovered aboard the Greek ship *Aegle Pioneer*. In the last week of December they were set adrift in a makeshift raft and one of them later drowned, the two survivors told police.

Industry sources say they believe those sent back to port represent only a small percent of those who are actually stow-

aways. The goal of many is to stay abroad at least nine months. This entitles them to import two passenger cars into Tanzania, where a critical foreign exchange crisis has forced the Socialist government to sharply curb imports.

A used, 10-year-old car shipped to Dar-es-Salaam can fetch the equivalent of \$20,000 easily several times more than they cost in Athens, a favorite point of purchase, residents say.

An indication of the problem's dimensions was the repatriation of 80 Tanzanians, all believed to have been stowaways, last year from Bombay, India.

R.A. Kubaga, Tanzania's director of immigration, said in Dar-es-Salaam that the most popular destinations for would-be stowaways are India, Greece, Italy, Britain and Nigeria. And unless Tanzania solves the problem of high unemployment, he said, jobless youths would be trying even harder to go abroad any way they could.

Tanzania has tried, so far unsuccessfully, to stop the exodus by making it difficult for males between 15 and 30 years old to get passports. Unless he is a bona fide student at a foreign university, the prospective traveler must purchase a valid ticket and deposit a \$1,000 guarantee in a state bank before applying.

Mexicans in U.S. fear deportation any moment

By Evan Maxwell

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — An estimated 100,000 Mexican immigrants now living in the United States have lost their temporary immunity from deportation.

Although Immigration and Naturalization Service officials say that they expect no immediate or massive increases in the number of deportations, the agency's action, which took effect Feb. 1, has sent shock waves through the Latino community, particularly since persons most drastically affected by the situation are long-term residents who have had time to put down roots in the communities where they live.

These immigrants are holders of legal documents called Silva letters. The name is drawn from a Chicago federal court case in which Refugio Silva, a Mexican who had applied for legal immigration to the United States before 1977, won a ruling which held that the government had improperly awarded thousands of immigrant visas to Cubans at the expense of other Western Hemisphere applicants.

The Silva letters provided immunity for this class of immigrants for more than three years. That protection ran out in November 1981, and was temporarily reinstated last August when the U.S. Senate passed the Simpson-Mazzoli Immigration Bill which promised amnesty to illegal aliens who had lived in the United States since before 1982. But the bill died without action in the House at the end of the last Congress.

"The immunity was extended originally last year on the grounds these people would be covered by legislation that had just been passed by the Senate," an immigration service spokesman in Washington said. "The immu-

ity ran out on Jan. 31, and to extend it now, when new legislation has not even been introduced, did not seem proper."

Latino leaders say that they expect to seek reinstatement of the immunity from deportation once the immigration bill is reintroduced in the Congress this session, possibly within a month's time. Immigration service spokesman said that local offices across the country, will begin calling in immigrants with Silva letters at the rate of 10 a week.

"We are not going to go out looking for these people, but they should be aware that if they are encountered by immigration officers, their Silva letters are no longer able to give them any special privileges any more," said Vern Jervis, immigration service spokesman in Washington. Another immigration spokesman said: "In districts like Omaha, where there are only a few people involved, things could move quite quickly, but in Los Angeles, where there are thousands, it will take a long time to get through the list at that rate."

The majority of Silva letter holders were in the Los Angeles immigration district, according to Jervis, and it is assumed that the bulk of the 100,000 persons affected by the policy are located there as well.

One Latino group estimates that 60,000 of the letter-holders are in southern California and said that more than 250,000 persons will be affected by the change, considering both letter holders and their immediate family members. Immigration officials said, however, that people who have lost their immunity under the recent change will still be eligible for other so-called immigration "equities" which might allow them to avoid immediate deportation.



STAR ASPIRANTS: Thousands of children lining up outside the Empire Hall in London for auditions to select 96 boys and girls to star as gangsters and gangsters' molls in the West End production of the film *Bugsy Malone*.

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Marking a dramatic change

Soviet productivity, output record rise

MOSCOW, Feb. 16 (R) — The Soviet Union published key economic indicators Wednesday which showed a marked increase in productivity and output last month compared with January last year.

Western economic analysts here said a vigorous efficiency drive by Soviet leader Yuri Andropov might have been translated into concrete results but they also said last year's figures could have been unusually bad.

The figures were contained in a monthly report on industrial production in the weekly *Ekonomicheskaya Gazeta*, which said industrial output had increased by 6.3 percent and labor productivity by 5.5 percent in January compared with the same period last year.

The figures failed to appear in last year's January report on the Soviet economy, which also omitted comparisons with January 1981. The report published by the Soviet Central Statistics Board said the plan for the first month of 1983 had been fulfilled by 101 percent and detailed figures showed slight increases in output in a range of industries. Steel production rose to 13 million tons from 12.4 million in the same period last year. A series of other industries including

fertilizers, synthetic rubber and plastics, motor vehicles, and computers all showed increases.

Oil production increased slightly to 52.7 million tons (12.65 million barrels per day), from 51.5 million (12.36 million bpd) and gas output increased to 46.2 billion cubic meters from 42.6 billion in the same monthly last year.

Electric power output increased to 132 billion kwh from 129 billion and coal production rose to 61.8 million tons from 61.7 million.

Output of some engineering goods related to agriculture, such as combine harvesters and tractors, also increased. But a commentary in *Ekonomicheskaya Gazeta* referred to shortcomings in production of other kinds of farm machinery.

Other figures published Wednesday by the Central Statistics Board showed improved productivity on Soviet livestock farms, apparently because of better supplies of fodder but also reflecting poor results last year.

Meat production and average cattle slaughter weights increased, as did the average milk yield per cow, and the magazine said wintering of cattle this year had been better than last year.

Ethiopia reels under drought

NAIROBI, Feb. 16 (R) — Tens of thousands of people could die and more than three million others are threatened with food shortages in Ethiopia's worst drought for 10 years, a senior aid worker said Wednesday.

Mark Bowden, regional adviser of the Save the Children Fund (SCF), told Reuters after a visit to Ethiopia that the drought was reminiscent of a similar situation there in the early 1970's when more than 200,000 people died.

The SCF is working closely with the Ethiopian Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (ERRC), which said Tuesday that the drought

afflicting several parts of the country was as severe as in 1974.

Bowden, who worked in Ethiopia in the 1970's, said that the most seriously-afflicted areas were the rugged regions of Wollo, Tigray and Gondar, north of Addis Ababa.

"It is fair to say that tens of thousands of lives are at risk, men women and children, and famine is a real risk for 3.5 million people in these areas," he said in an interview.

Bowden said the danger signs were that tens of thousands of people were leaving the drought-stricken areas for relief centers carrying practically nothing and were living "beside the road without a roof over their heads."

"They will be utterly destitute in a way that just does not happen in Africa. They have come with absolutely nothing," Bowden declared.

The afflicted areas are up to 12,000 feet (4,000 meters) above sea level "and are a breeding ground for pneumonia, bronchitis, and lice-bred typhus. Measles epidemics are a possibility," Bowden added.

American factory output increases

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP) — In a strong new sign of an improving economy, the U.S. government reported Wednesday that output by American factories and mines rose 0.9 percent last month.

It was only the second gain since July and the largest since last February.

A big increase for U.S. automakers helped lead the way in January, the Federal Reserve Board report indicated. And separate private reports have said auto production will continue rising in the next few months.

Retail sales and industrial production are the two biggest components of the gross national product — the sum of all U.S. goods and services. And though retail sales declined in December, they rose slightly in January and are expected to continue climbing.

"HE'S HAD US ON THE MEND FOR A LONG TIME NOW"



By developing states

World recovery plan urged

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AFP) — Developing countries will launch a broad political drive for a world economic recovery program over the next several months, Third World officials have said.

They said this would figure "prominently" at the New Delhi summit meeting of nonaligned nations in less than three weeks.

The "urgency" of a world recovery program was stressed by developing countries at last week's meeting here of the interim committee, top policymaking body of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

But there was no immediate response from major industrial nations, except France, Canada and the Northern European countries, the sources said. The idea was therefore bound to be taken up at a "more political" level.

As the interim committee met here, the "Brandt Commission", an independent panel of 18 prominent public figures and economists from industrial and developing countries, chaired by former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt, called for joint "emergency action" by both groups of nations aimed at "averting world economic collapse."

Diplomats from developing countries said the commission's new report provides fresh arguments in favor of cooperative measures to restore confidence in the world banking system, encourage trade expansion and otherwise promote world economic recovery. The New Delhi summit, sources here said,

was likely to come up with a revamped version, tailored to the present crisis, of the 1979 proposal by nonaligned nations for "global negotiations" between industrial and developing countries on commodities, trade, energy, development and money and finance.

Despite efforts by leaders of 22 "North and South" nations at the 1981 Cancun summit in Mexico to break a deadlock over procedure — the United States, West Germany and Britain wanted guarantees that "functional" agencies like the IMF and GATT would not see their authority reduced by talks held in a United Nations framework — global negotiations still appear remote.

Paris may aid Rabat to set up N-plant

RABAT, Feb. 16 (R) — A planned accord between a French company and Morocco's electricity authority may provide Morocco with its first nuclear power plant, the Moroccan news agency MAP said Wednesday.

The agency said an agreement to study construction of a nuclear power plant would be concluded between Societe Francaise d'Etudes et de Realisations Atomiques (Sofratome) and the Moroccan Office National de L'electricite (One).

The project was discussed here Tuesday by Energy Minister Moussa Saadi and Armand Luxo, president of Sofratome, when the terms of an accord for technical and economic studies were examined.

Financial Roundup

Dollar regains lost ground

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Feb. 16 — The dollar regained some of the strength it had lost to the other major currencies Monday and Tuesday. Trading was sharp and sometimes volatile with the dollar moving sharply against some currencies especially the French franc and the German mark. The initial falls seemed to stem from statements made by Dr. Henry Kaufman of Salomon Brothers to the effect that Eurodollar interest rates would fall sharply as the U.S. administration turns its attention to fighting unemployment and starting an economic recovery.

The implication is that the present tight monetary policy exercised by the Federal Reserve Board would be eased but there was no sign of this on the New York Tuesday night markets which continued to "Fed fund" prime lending rates of 8 1/2 percent being traded. Still, the dollar rallied in New York and the fact that we now see such wild gyrations on the exchanges seems to stem from the basis that the money markets have very little to go by in predicting which way the dollar rates will turn.

On Wednesday, Eurodollar interest rates rose to 9 1/16 percent for the shorter periods compared with under 9 percent Tuesday but longer-dated funds remained depressed under the 10 percent level.

The bullion markets saw gold and silver price rise to new high but stable levels compared to the volatility seen in the previous weeks. Gold traded around the \$511 an ounce level from \$505 on Tuesday, while silver prices rose to \$14.65 from \$14.41 on Friday close. Bullion dealers are still wor-

ried that some sharp profit-taking sales will see silver prices become volatile and they are keenly watching to see if the silver markets can sustain present levels for the rest of the week.

In Europe on Wednesday, the French franc fell to 6.8390 from 6.7940 levels despite some French central bank support for the currency. The British pound remained stable at the 1.5460 levels, while the Swiss franc fell to 2.0060 from 1.9895 levels Tuesday.

The German mark was erratic at the 2.4160 levels on pre-election uncertainties. The Japanese yen traded at the 234.90 levels after rising sharply Tuesday at the 232.10 against the dollar.

In the local markets, the rial deposit rates were generally stable at the 7-7 1/4 percent level but Wednesday saw rates move up to the 7 1/2 - 7 3/4 percent in some sharp trading. The major activity fell in the shorter tenors with the week-fixed trading at 7 1/4 percent.

The longer-dated funds have been wavering at the 8 1/2 - 9 percent level for the past few days due to long-term rate uncertainties. In the exchanges, spot rial/dollar rates rose to 3.4403-09 levels from Tuesday's 3.4398-03 prices.

LONDON, (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	508.62
Paris	509.36
Frankfurt	507.97
Zurich	507.75
Hong Kong	503.97

Canada's budget gap may hit \$26b

OTTAWA, Feb. 16 (R) — Canada's budget deficit in this fiscal year will top the \$26 billion financial requirement unveiled by Finance Minister Marc Lalonde, government sources said.

Lalonde told reporters Ottawa's financial needs for the year ending March 31, will exceed his \$22.2 billion forecast by around \$3.9 billion, but he would not say how much the budget deficit has been raised.

Lalonde originally forecast the deficit at \$23.6 billion, but the sources said it will be much larger now.

Lalonde could reveal the deficit figure Thursday, when he is expected to open a debate on a bill authorizing new borrowing powers for the government, the sources said.

The bill authorize a further \$5 billion borrowing for 1982-83 on top of the \$21.1 billion already allowed. But the sources said it also contains authority for new borrowing in

the fiscal year beginning April 1.

The deficit for the next fiscal year will exceed that for 1982-83 even without any deliberate stimulation of the economy, the sources said.

The finance minister has not ruled out a major stimulus, and, after a series of pre-budget talks with business, trade unions, labor and provincial governments, has said there is widespread support for a recovery program.

Lalonde had intended to present a new budget before the end of March, but now it will probably be delayed until mid-April while parliament passes tax changes contained in three previous budgets, the sources said.

Government sources said last week the amount of stimulation in the budget will depend on key economic indicators due out soon.

BRIEFS

DETROIT, (AFP) — American automobile sales were down 3.2 percent in the first 10 days of February compared with the same period last year, auto industry statistics showed here. A total of 137,678 cars were sold in the first 10 days this month. Chrysler's sales rose 2.8 percent. American Motors' sales leaped up 14.1 percent thanks to popularity of its new French-designed car the Alliance.

BRUSSELS, (AFP) — The European Economic Community (EEC) commission is to investigate a big rise in imports of Chinese slippers into the community. Provisional figures show that 52 million pairs entered the EEC from China last year against 41,175,280 pairs in 1981 and 27,220,090 pairs in 1980. France last year took nearly half these imports: 24,202,604 pairs against 16,409,640 pairs in 1981.

LAGOS, (R) — Nigerian oil production fell to just under 550,000 barrels per day (bpd) in the first ten days of this month, less than half its level last year, as buyers held off in the hope of a price cut, industry sources have said. The figure compares with a disappointing January average of just over 800,000 bpd and a lower than expected 1.2 million bpd in December.

TOKYO, (AFP) — Sony announced Wednesday that it was resuming the construction of a video cassette factory at Dax in southwest France. Work on the plant was suspended last month. The company said it believed France would change its centralized customs clearance system at Politiers covering imported video tape recorders (VTR's). But a company spokesman said Sony had received no official assurances on this point.

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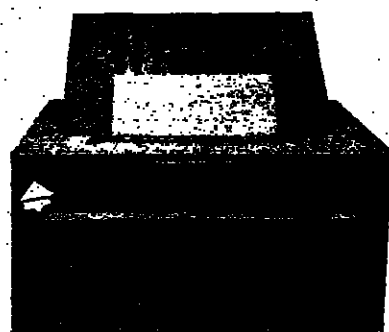
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Blazers power past Clippers

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (AP) — Calvin Natt scored 21 points to power the Portland Trail Blazers to a 115-106 National Basketball Association victory over the San Diego Clippers Tuesday night.

It spoiled Bill Walton's first game in Portland since he left the Blazers five years ago. His injured foot prevented an earlier return. Walton, who led Portland to the NBA title in 1977, was greeted by a standing ovation from about two-thirds of the capacity crowd. He scored 15 points, grabbed nine rebounds and had five assists.

"I recognized a lot of old faces and I recognized a lot of old voices," Walton said. "I have lots of memories here. It was a lot of fun out there tonight. I just wish we could have won the game."

San Diego rookie Terry Cummings led all scorers with 29 points and had 10 rebounds. Jim Paxson and Mychal Thompson scored 17 and 16, respectively, for Portland.

Elsewhere, the San Antonio Spurs drubbed the Los Angeles Lakers 124-103, the Golden State Warriors whipped the Washington Bullets 111-93, the Indiana Pacers stopped the Chicago Bulls 113-110 and the Atlanta Hawks trimmed the Houston Rockets 101-91.

Spurs 124, Lakers 103: At Inglewood, California, George Gervin scored 40 points to lead San Antonio past Los Angeles. Gervin scored 15 first-quarter points as the Spurs connected on 19 of 26 shots for a 43-24 lead and were never headed. For the Lakers, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 26 points, Earvin "Magic" Johnson 24 and Jamaal Wilkes 21.

Warriors 111, Bullets 93: Joe Barry Carroll's 26 points helped Golden State snap a three-game losing streak and end Washington's four-game winning streak. Lewis Lloyd had 21 points for the Warriors and Mickey Johnson added 14. Golden State built a 19-point lead early in the fourth quarter.

Pacers 113, Bulls 110: At Chicago, Herb Williams scored 22 points as Indiana snapped a five-game losing streak. Clark Kellogg and Jerry Sichting had 17 points each for the Pacers, who shot 83 percent from the floor in the third quarter — 19 of 23, with Williams going 8-for-8 in the second half.

The Bulls led until 5:38 of the third quarter when Kellogg put Indiana on top 69-68. They trailed 101-92 midway through the fourth quarter, but reeled off 10 straight points to go ahead 102-101 before the Pacers pulled it out.

Hawks 101, Rockets 91: At Houston, Mike Glenn and Johnny Davis hit consecutive jumpers to stop a late rally by the Rockets as Atlanta scored nine of the game's final 12 points.



Paxson ... pitches in for Blazers

Cowboys for sale rumor refuted

By Dawn Liddicoatt
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Feb. 16 — The Dallas Cowboys denied published reports that the National Football League (NFL) team was up for sale with a \$40 million price tag.

Tex Schramm, Cowboys president and general manager, said that the report published in Sunday's *Boston Globe* was false. He pointed out that Texas Stadium, which was reported to be part of the sale, is owned by the City of Irving. The stadium also is home field for Southern Methodist University.

The *Globe* said a report was confirmed that Clint Murchison Jr., due to failing health, wants to sell the club he has owned since it began as an expansion team in 1960. The *Globe* said an unnamed league source said Murchison wanted the new owner to be a wealthy Texan.

Team officials denied similar rumors circulated in the Dallas area last month.

Watson out to end lean trot

LA JOLLA, California, Feb. 16 (AP) — Tom Watson, without a victory since his Britain Open Triumph in July, figures a trip to one of his favorite tour spots might cure what ails his golf game.

History is on his side as he takes aim at becoming the first three-time winner of the Isuzu Andy Williams San Diego Open, which opens Thursday.

"I'm not at the top of my game, but I'm putting well and I'm very enthusiastic. And I like playing this course," said Watson, the No. 2 all-time money-winner behind Jack Nicklaus.

Since his emergence as a dominant force in 1977, Watson has typically played well on the U.S. west coast. More than half a dozen of his 28 tour victories have come in southern California. He found Torrey Pines Course to his liking during a practice round Tuesday.

Congress urged to tighten rein on boxing

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — Former heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson and television commentator Howard Cosell urged the U.S. Congress Tuesday to create a federal commission to control what Cosell termed the "desperately sick sport" of professional boxing.

Patterson, representing the New York State Athletic Commission, declared, "We just need one set of rules nationally," including mandatory use of thumbless gloves.

"I would not like to see boxing abolished," said Patterson, who held the world title twice between 1956 and 1962. "I come from a (black) ghetto, and boxing is a way out. It would be pitiful to abolish boxing, because you would be taking away the one way out."

Patterson and Cosell testified before a House of Representatives Subcommittee on Commerce, Transportation and Tourism headed by Representative James J. Florio. Other witnesses joined their call for a national boxing authority.

Boxing has come under renewed criticism since the death of South Korean Duk Koo Kim from brain damage after a lightweight championship fight against Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini last Nov. 13. Other fighters have suffered serious eye injuries. Welterweight champion Sugar Ray Leonard retired last year after surgery to repair a detached retina, the same injury sustained by one-time heavyweight contender Earnie Shavers.

Patterson, who completed a career record of 55-8-1, outlined to the lawmakers the reforms the New York Commission had made in that state, including the thumbless glove. He brought sets of the old and the new gloves to show to the panel.

Meanwhile, World Boxing Council lightweight champion Alexis Arguello of Nicaragua has renounced his title to step up to a heavier weight division. The WBC announced in Mexico city. Arguello was scheduled to meet Vilomar Fernandez of the Dominican Republic in a non-title lightweight bout this month.

But he said in a letter to the WBC in which he pulled out of that bout that he was giving up the lightweight title because he no longer

scoring with 58 not out. Farooq Quereshi (57) and Shaikat Sheikh (50) were the other contributors. Margooob (3-61), Aslam (2-53), Manzour (2-56) and Rashid (2-59) shared the spoils.

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Patterson outlines reforms

Congress urged to tighten rein on boxing

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — Former heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson and television commentator Howard Cosell urged the U.S. Congress Tuesday to create a federal commission to control what Cosell termed the "desperately sick sport" of professional boxing.

Patterson, representing the New York State Athletic Commission, declared, "We just need one set of rules nationally," including mandatory use of thumbless gloves.

"I would not like to see boxing abolished," said Patterson, who held the world title twice between 1956 and 1962. "I come from a (black) ghetto, and boxing is a way out. It would be pitiful to abolish boxing, because you would be taking away the one way out."

Patterson and Cosell testified before a House of Representatives Subcommittee on Commerce, Transportation and Tourism headed by Representative James J. Florio. Other witnesses joined their call for a national boxing authority.

Boxing has come under renewed criticism since the death of South Korean Duk Koo Kim from brain damage after a lightweight championship fight against Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini last Nov. 13. Other fighters have suffered serious eye injuries. Welterweight champion Sugar Ray Leonard retired last year after surgery to repair a detached retina, the same injury sustained by one-time heavyweight contender Earnie Shavers.

Patterson, who completed a career record of 55-8-1, outlined to the lawmakers the reforms the New York Commission had made in that state, including the thumbless glove. He brought sets of the old and the new gloves to show to the panel.

Meanwhile, World Boxing Council lightweight champion Alexis Arguello of Nicaragua has renounced his title to step up to a heavier weight division. The WBC announced in Mexico city. Arguello was scheduled to meet Vilomar Fernandez of the Dominican Republic in a non-title lightweight bout this month.

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could make the 135-pound (60 kgs) weight limit. Last November he lost to World Boxing Association (WBA) light welterweight champion Aaron Pryor in a bid for that title. He has already won the featherweight, super-featherweight and lightweight titles.

In East Rutherford, New Jersey, S.T. Gordon makes the first defense of his WBC cruiserweight title when he meets 37-year-old fellow-American Jesse Burnett at the Meadowlands Arena Thursday.

The scheduled 12-round bout will be the first title fight ever held at Meadowlands, across the Hudson river from Manhattan. Gordon, 23, has won 11 straight fights, 10 by knockout. He won the 195-pound WBC title when he knocked out Carlos DeLeon of Puerto Rico in the second round last June 17. His overall record is 22-5 record with 20 knockouts. Burnett has won 23 bouts, lost 14 fought two draws, with 10 knockouts.

Last Oct. 31, fighting on 10 days notice, the veteran lost a close and controversial 12-round fight to former WBA heavyweight champion Leon Spinks of the U.S.

Tamura where home team Juyaimah RT scraped up a two-wicket victory over a battling BAC. BAC, batting first, were paced to 202 by a breezy 116 from Shehzad as Shababai Siddiqui (4-36) and Saleem (2-26) whittled away at the other end. Saleem also

shared with the willow as Juyaimah totaled 203 for eight. His 59 along with Anwar Qureshi's 50 went a long way in seeing the host through.

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ACE's Duddley strikes dead against Tractors

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 16 — A fine bowling stint by Duddley enabled ACE register a fluent 38-run victory over fancied Zahid Tractors in the Alireza Cricket League last weekend.

Duddley's rich haul of six for 28 came in the wake of some determined batting by the side earlier. For the first time in the league ACE utilized their full quantum of 40 overs while mustering a modest 161 for eight, with Percy (26) and Hafeez (33 not out) being the main contributors.

The target set for Zahid Tractors seemed to be an easy meat. And when their prolific run-getter Sohail (47) and Mahmood (15) gave them a solid foundation, victory seemed to be within their grasp. Rahmat pitched in with a brisk 38 and Zahid Tractors were cruising at 96 for two at that stage.

But a surprising turnabout was brought to the proceedings with the advent of Duddley. Tractors, who were sitting pretty, were treated to a splendid exhibition of sustained accuracy. Duddley ran through Tractors' middle like a knife on butter, and left the Tractors floundering. Tractors never recovered from these blows and were shot out for 123.

Hashim's fine all-round show went in vain as Rangers White lost to Petromin by 60 runs. Petromin, opting to bat first, began with a flourish with Qazi and Zaeem, going great guns. Zaeem, especially, was in a ferocious mood hoisting six-sixers and two boundaries in his hectic 62. While Qazi kept pace with a 71, which included seven boundaries.

And another blistering 43 by Farid, who smashed seven hits to the fence, saw Petromin race to a massive 233 for nine. Hashim was the most successful bowler with four for 25. He later pitched in with a quick 34 as his side finished with 173 for five. Farooq (35) and Shamsi (35) were the other main scorers.

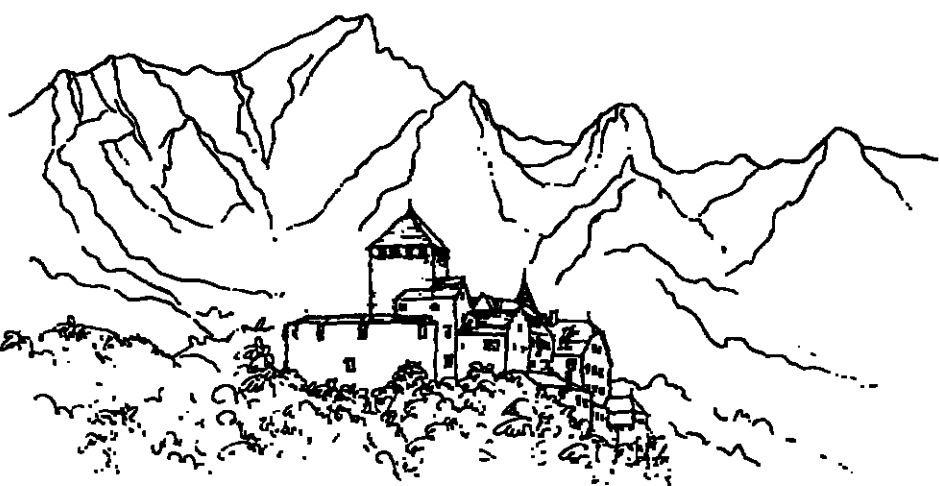
pacemen, Peter Faulkner and Bill Kirkman, would have the trouble of closing the innings by bowling them out. Resuming at 76 for three, the tourists lost four wickets for only 13 runs as Faulkner and Kirkman cut a swathe through their top and middle-order batting.

In sultry conditions which favored the seam bowlers, Faulkner had the fine figures of four for 30 from 10 overs and Kirkman three for 20. Sri Lanka were rescued by a record eighth-wicket stand of 140 in 197 minutes between Sridharan Jaganathan and Ravi Ratnayake.

After a slow period of consolidation, the pair blossomed to play a number of attractive drives, cuts and forcing shots through the outside as the early moisture in the wicket — not to mention the Tasmanian bowlers' enthusiasm — evaporated.

The stand was finally broken shortly before tea when Jaganathan became Kirkman's fourth victims of the innings, being out for 74 in 170 minutes with 10 fours. Ratnayake remained unbeaten on 64 with seven boundaries.

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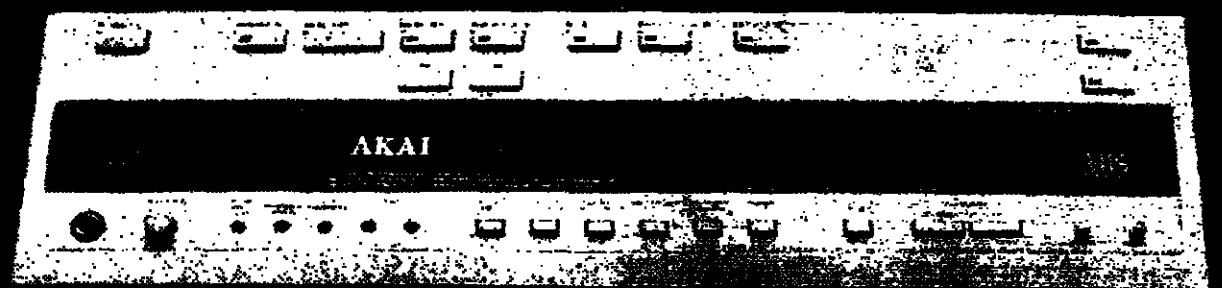
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But make League Cup final on aggregate

Liverpool shocked by Burnley

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — Liverpool suffered their first defeat in 15 games Tuesday night when Second Division Burnley scored a 1-0 victory in a second-round match of the semifinals for the English League Cup. But Liverpool won through to the final March 26 with a 3-1 aggregate. Half-time score was 0-0.

The sole goal came in the 54th minute when Derek Scott scored from close range after Hamilton had headed down a free kick from Brian Laws. Twenty thousand spectators watched the match.

Liverpool's probable opponents in the final at Wembley will be Manchester United which crushed Arsenal 4-2 in a first-leg match of the semifinals watched by 43,136. Half-time score was 0-2. Norman Whiteside scored United's first goal in the 19th minute on a pass from Moses and Frank Stapleton

increased the lead in the 43rd minute on a cross from Whiteside.

Steve Coppell scored the visitors' third goal in the 43rd minute and got the fourth a few minutes later. Tony Woodcock scored Arsenal's first in the 82nd minute and Peter Nicholas closed the scoring in the 85th minute.

In the only First Division match of the English League, Notts County lost to Southampton 1-2 on goals scored by McCulloch for the home side and Puchelt and Wallace for the winners.

England football manager Bobby Robson, meanwhile, is taking no chances should English Cup replays next week or injuries to players deplete his squad for the international with Wales at Wembley on Feb. 23.

Robson named five stand-by players — Joe Corrigan (Manchester City), Russell Osman

(Ipswich), Paul Walsh (Luton) and the Southampton pair, Steve Williams and David Armstrong — who will come into his 21-strong squad should other players withdraw.

Robson will be particularly anxious that Liverpool, home to Brighton in the fifth round of the F.A. Cup on Sunday, and Aston Villa, home to Watford on Saturday, avoid replays. Both Liverpool and Villa have European commitments on March 2 and, unlike the 14 other Cup survivors, cannot delay replays if they are needed.

In Paris, manager Robert Herbin and St. Etienne officially parted company after 25 years. The terms for the split were agreed at a 35-minute meeting of the French Football League's legal commission. Herbin's departure is no surprise as late last year he lost a bitter power struggle with former club president Roger Rocher.

English soccer results

English League Cup			
Arsenal	2	Men. United	4
Burnley	1	Liverpool	0
Division One			
Notts County	1	Southampton	2
Division Two			
Sheff. Wednesday	0	Blackburn	0
Division Three			
Gillingham	3	Chesham	1
Newport	3	Preston	0
Walsall	2	Oxford	0
Wigan	1	Exeter	0
Wrexham	5	Doncaster	0
Division Four			
Bristol City	3	Halifax	0
Crewe	0	Aldershot	0
Darlington	1	Tranmere	0
Hal	2	Hereford	0
Wimbledon	2	Colchester	1
York	2	Blackpool	0

KKH 1 close gap on leaders JBC 1

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 16 — The King Khalid Hospital (KKH) 1 closed in on leaders Jeddah Badminton Club (JBC) 1 with an emphatic 9-0 whitewash of Zura in the Slazenger-sponsored Jeddah Badminton League last weekend.

With JBC 1 given a tough time by Abbar, the latter losing out 3-6, the race for the league pennant heated up. JBC 1 held on to their top place, but just barely. The points difference between the JBC 1 and KKH 1 is now just two points, with the former heading the table with 47 points.

It was a bad week for Whitaker. Both its strings lost their engagements with King Khalid Hospital (KKH) 2 downing its senior string 6-3, while ACE besting their junior string 5-4. This was the first victory for ACE in the League, who had lost its previous five contests.

Third place in the league is held by Abbar, with Garuda and Tretum placed above Whitaker in that order.

Positions

	P	W	L	Pts.
JBC 1	6	6	0	47
KKH 1	6	5	1	45
Abbar	6	5	1	42
Garuda	6	5	2	32
Tretum	5	3	2	29
Whitaker 1	6	3	3	28
KALIA	5	3	2	27
Zura	6	3	3	26
JBC 2	5	3	2	23
KKH 2	6	2	4	15
Whitaker 2	6	1	5	13
Lockheed	5	1	4	10
ACE	6	1	5	9
IAL	5	0	5	5

Kings keep alive playoff hopes

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (AP) — Bernie Nicholls scored late in the first period to keep the Los Angeles Kings on track in their battle for a playoff spot with a 5-2 National Hockey League victory over the Hartford Whalers Tuesday.

Prior to Tuesday, Los Angeles trailed Vancouver by one point for the final playoff spot in the Smythe Division. Los Angeles is 20-29-8, while Hartford falls to 15-37-6.

Elsewhere in the NHL, Marian Stastny scored two goals and his brother, Peter, had a goal and two assists in leading the Quebec Nordiques to a 4-1 triumph over the New York. The victory boosted Quebec's possession of second place in the Adams Division, two points ahead of the idle Buffalo Sabres, who have played two fewer games.

And the Minnesota North Stars defeated the New Jersey Devils 4-1, to lift the North Stars to a 32nd NHL victory over the Devils.

Racing Paris 1 out to make a big splash

PARIS, Feb. 16 (R) — A new French soccer club nursing high European ambitions has taken the unprecedented step of launching an advertising campaign to help promote its image.

Second Division Racing Paris 1 has splashed posters on 2,500 prime spots in the Paris area in a two-week drive to attract attention. Their slogan is simple: "Win and convince" (Vaincre et convaincre). They are the first club in French soccer history to resort to such a campaign.

"Our aim is clear: To make ourselves known but, above all, to win promotion to the First Division as soon as possible and give Paris a second major team along with Paris Saint-Germain, managing director Serge Guyot said. Paris Saint-Germain, the French Cup holders and the first successful Parisian team since the early 1960s, line up in the quarterfinals of the European Cup Winners' Cup next month and are pushing for a place for the European Football Union

(UEFA) Cup next season.

Paris Racing 1 was formed a few months ago on the ruins of the defunct Paris Football Club and bears one of the most prestigious names in French sport — the Racing Club de France, which celebrated its centenary last year. The club, which has an annual budget of eight million francs (\$1.16 million), is the brainchild of Jean-Luc Lagardere, one of the country's most successful businessmen, who Guyot said wanted to build "a team worthy of Paris."

Home for the team is France's biggest stadium, the recently-renovated 60,000-seat Stade de Colombes in the western outskirts of Paris. But it could share the Parc Des Princes with Paris Saint-Germain next year, Guyot said.

"With an average of only 2,000 spectators this season, we can't afford to remain in the Second Division. Although Lagardere and his group are ready to spend a lot of money, they obviously expect results, the

only way to become crowd-pullers, he said. Racing Paris 1 is currently fourth in the Second Division and are five points behind leaders Rennes.

But the advertising campaign is no gimmick, Guyot stressed. "There is no reason why you shouldn't promote a soccer club like any other commercial item," he argued. Although club officials were reluctant to give a figure, advertising experts reckon such a campaign could cost around 800,000 francs (\$160,000).

"We hope this campaign will become a landmark because it is our ambition to be innovative, using sophisticated means of communication, and shake up the somewhat rigid habits of the French soccer world," he said. The club, with a pool of 16 players and no recognized star, has recruited trainer Alain de Martigny, who helped manager Michel Hidalgo take France to fourth place in last year's World Cup finals.

In Memphis tourney

Hooper sweeps Kriek off his feet

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Feb. 16, (Agencies) — Chip Hooper continued his awesome serving, coming up with 14 aces to beat defending champion Johan Kriek, 6-4, 6-4, in the second round of the U.S. National Indoor Tennis Championships Tuesday.

The unseeded Hooper also used his rocket-serves to get 22 aces in his first-round match against Marcos Hocesvar of Brazil Monday. Kriek was able to break Hooper's serve in the second game of the match after losing his own, but that was as close as he came for the remainder of the 85-minute match. In the final set, Kriek was able to reach deuce for the only time in the last game.

Hooper got decisive service break in the seventh game of the first set and in the ninth game in the second set. "No one has ever served that well against me. You can't read it. It's just blinding speed," Kriek, 24, said. Kriek moved the ball around court in an effort to tire his opponent, but the six-foot, six-inch Hooper did not waver.

"Everybody knows that I can serve really big, but running around the court and keeping the ball in play 10 times I think may upset the guys a little bit," Hooper said.

In other second-round play, Paul McNamee of Australia beat 13th-seeded Jimmy Arias, 6-1, 6-1; Henri Leconte of France, despite spraining his ankle in the sec-

ond set, beat 16th-seeded Kevin Curren of South Africa, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; 12th-seeded Sandy Mayer beat Vijay Amritraj of India 6-0, 6-1, and 14th-seeded Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia beat Robert Van't Hoff, 6-2, 6-1.

In first-round matches Anders Jarryd of Sweden beat Pavel Slozil of Czechoslovakia, 6-1, 6-4; Fritz Buehning beat Phil Dent of Australia, 6-2, 6-1 and Mark Dickson beat Peter Fleming, 7-6, 6-3.

Meanwhile, Romanian veteran Ilie Nastase was beaten 7-5, 7-6 by Norway's Christian Bastiansen in the second round of the \$75,000 Vina Del Mar Grand Prix Tournament. Another surprise victim was the Argentine player Ricardo Cano, who lost 6-4, 3-6, 4-6 to Marcel Freeman of the U.S.

In two other second round clashes, West German Damiir Keretic ousted Bolivian Ramiro Benavides 6-3, 6-3, and Mario Martinez of Bolivia bested Marcos Morales of Chile 6-1, 7-5.

On Monday, Loic Courteau of France had stunned seventh-seeded Argentine Alejandro Ganzabal 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, and Robert Ventor got the better of Chilean Jaime Pinto 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

In Chicago, top-seeded Martina Navratilova opened pursuit of a record six straight Virginia Slims of Chicago titles by

bearing Ann Kiyomura 6-1, 6-3 Tuesday, leading two other seeded players into the second round of the \$150,000 event.

Navratilova, the ranking woman player in the world and victor at both of the Virginia Slims tour's two earlier stops this year, needed just one hour. In the evening's final match, No. 4 seed Pam Shriver was to meet South African Yvonne Vermaak.

Earlier in the day, third-seeded Tracy Austin slipped past fellow-American Wendy White 6-4, 6-3, and No. 6 Sylvia Hanika of West Germany tipped Kathy Jordan 6-4, 6-2.

Also advancing Tuesday were Marcella Mesker of the Netherlands, a 6-1, 6-4 winner over Italian Sabina Simonetti, South African Rosalyn Fairbank, who bested Andrea Leand, 6-3, 6-2; West German Claudia Kohde, who needed three sets to beat American Joanne Russell, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4; Candy Reynolds, who defeated fellow-American Ginny Purdy 6-4, 6-3 and West German Eva Pfaff, who bested Michele Torres 6-3, 6-0.

Canadian Carling Bassett scored a two-set victory over sixth-seeded Pat Medrado of Brazil in the opening round of the \$50,000 Ginny of Central Pennsylvania Tournament. The 15-year-old star from Toronto ousted Medrado on Monday night, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5).

Hochtief 'A' steams ahead in squash league

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 16 — Joint leaders Hochtief 'A' stepped up their challenge in the Andalus Division 'A' of the Arabian Homes Squash League with yet another stirring performance.

Hochtief 'A', playing against lowly Murabustan 'A', could have notched a whitewash but for a gritty showing by Murabustan's third string Graham Hammond. Hammond facing Frank Bell was trailing two times to one with Bell on match ball. But Hammond pulled off the unthinkable with a sudden flurry of strokes.

Hammond saved the fourth and went on to win it on extra points and then swept Bell off his feet in the decider with a 9-0 score. But Hammond's effort could just be described as heroic but fruitless. For Hochtief 'A' then

took the next two clashes for their eventual 4-1 scoreline. Earlier, Adrian Thomas and Roger Martin had given Hochtief a 2-0 lead with five-game victories over Aziz Beal and Graham Jubb respectively.

RIO/BRGM 'A' showed their mettle with a 4-1 decision over Bedouins. Max Macerollo exhibited some controlled shots in his 3-1 victory over Jerry Lee, while John Bebb was at his sparkling best in his 3-0 win over Denis Embleton. The two other matches of the division were closely contested. Skanska S/A got the better of Andalus Village 3-2, while Arabian Homes 'A' put it across Gray Mackenzie by an identical margin.

In the Seville Division B, KALIA captain was jubilant. And he had every reason to express his delight. His team registered their maiden success of the season, and a decisive one at that when they thrashed Sogex 'B' 4-1. The only match to go the full distance saw Walter McClay, at fourth string for KALIA, beat back the determined challenge of John Ferguson with a 9-7 decision in the fifth game.

Sangmed 'A' stayed on course for promo-

tion. And this week it was Saudia 'A' who were brushed aside from their path. In their 3-0 victory, Sangmed 'A' encountered brief resistance from Mike Wade. But once Iain Nicholson got into the gear, Wade was treated to a relentless barrage, which exuded variety.

Gray Mackenzie 'C' were given a fright in the Cadiz Division CII by Costain B. With the teams tied at 2-2 on match score, Gray Mackenzie's fourth string Vernon Flower faced Sean Sullivan. The outcome looked bleak for Gray Mackenzie when Sullivan outdueled Flower in the first game. But Flower, drawing on his vast reserves, blossomed to take the next three games with relative ease. Flower won at 6-9, 9-1, 9-3, 9-0.

While fancied teams stole the limelight, few teams remained in the shade with regular attempts to register their first wins. The teams yet to make their mark are Tarmac (8 points) in Cordoba Division, Arabian Homes 'C' (7 points) in Toledo Division, Samba 'C' (6 points) in Cadiz Division, and Liang Wimpey (7 points) and Bell Canada (10 points) in the Valencia Divisions.

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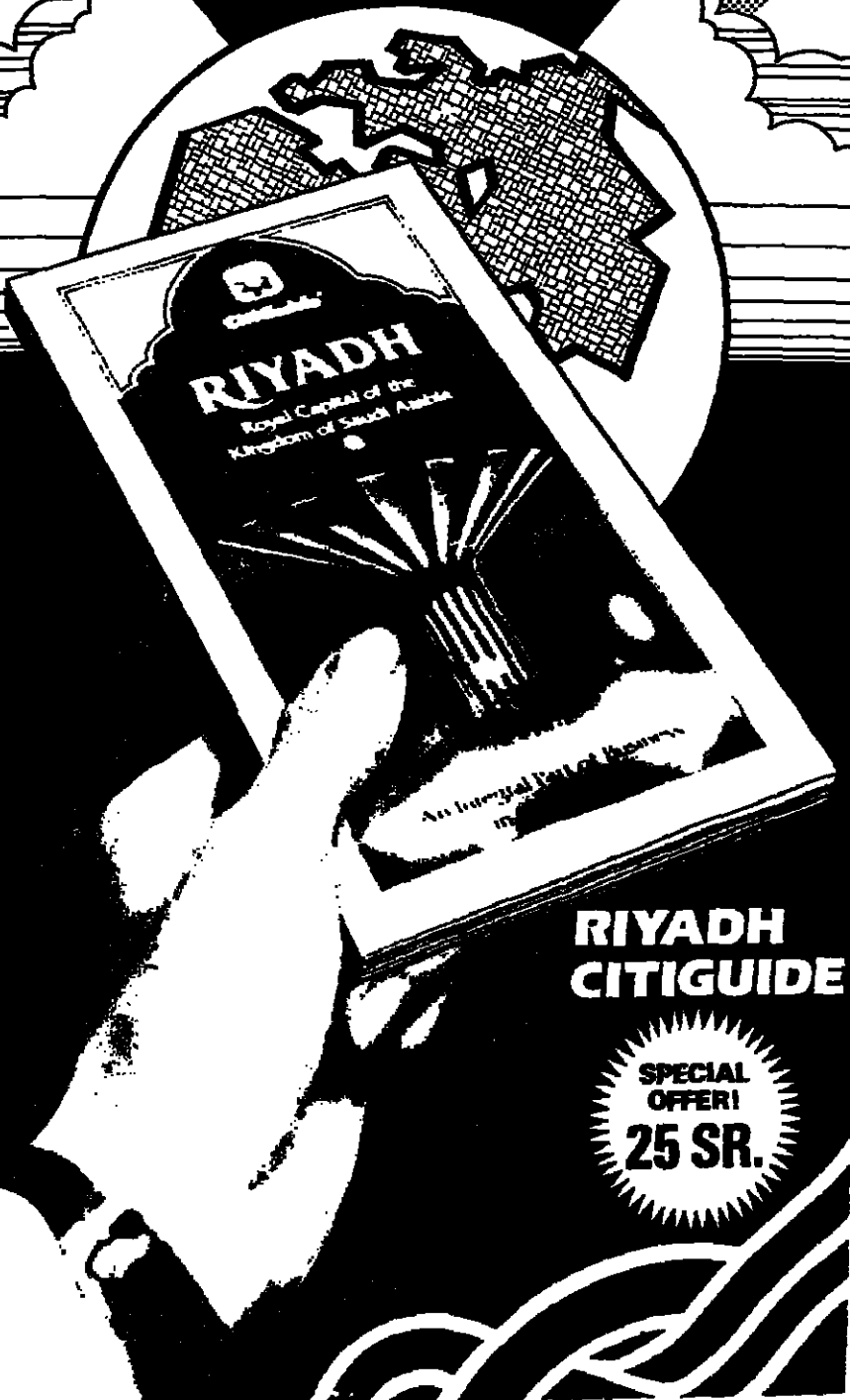
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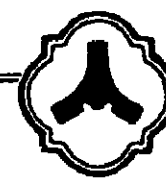
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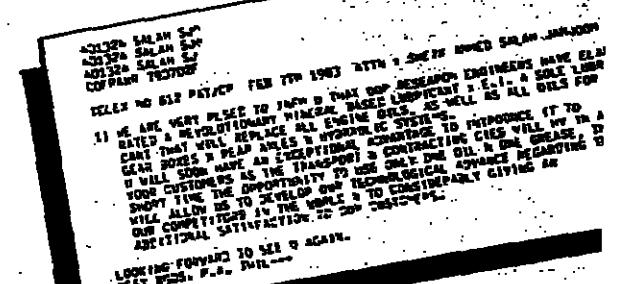
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West German court upholds election plan

KARLSRUHE, West Germany, Feb. 16 (Agencies) — The West German constitutional court upheld Wednesday the government's plan to hold early national elections next month, rejecting claims by four parliamentary deputies of unconstitutionality.

The ruling settled what had become one of the most important and controversial constitutional court cases in recent West German history.

The eight-man court voted 5-3 to uphold the election decision. The deputies who brought the suit had argued that Chancellor Helmut Kohl had "manipulated" the West German constitution when he engineered the March 6 election. Kohl arranged to lose a parliamentary vote of confidence Dec. 17 by

getting his supporters to abstain.

Kohl, who had taken over from former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt on Oct. 1 on a parliamentary vote, wants a popular mandate for his chancellorship.

West Germany's constitution provides for elections to be held every four years, and makes it difficult to call them in between. The constitution says parliament can be dissolved and elections called only if the chancellor loses a parliamentary vote of confidence, or resigns.

The vote on Dec. 17 followed a pledge of early elections made by Kohl to the opposition Social Democrats (SPD) last Oct. 1, the day he was elected chancellor.

Kohl trying to capitalize on enhanced image

BONN, Feb. 16 (AP) — When he first became West German chancellor on Oct. 1, Helmut Kohl had more than a few doubters. He had a reputation for being dependable but dull, and many wondered if the oversized, easy-going new chancellor could fill the well-worn shoes of his short, tough-talking predecessor, Helmut Schmidt. But Kohl surprised his enemies and pleased his friends by turning in a steady, diplomatic performance as chancellor.

Now Kohl, 52, is trying to capitalize on his enhanced image as a tried-and-true leader to get re-elected to the job in national elections March 6.

"This chancellor produces trust," his campaign posters read. But more than that, Kohl is increasingly presenting himself as the man who can bring "moral and spiritual renewal" to West Germany.

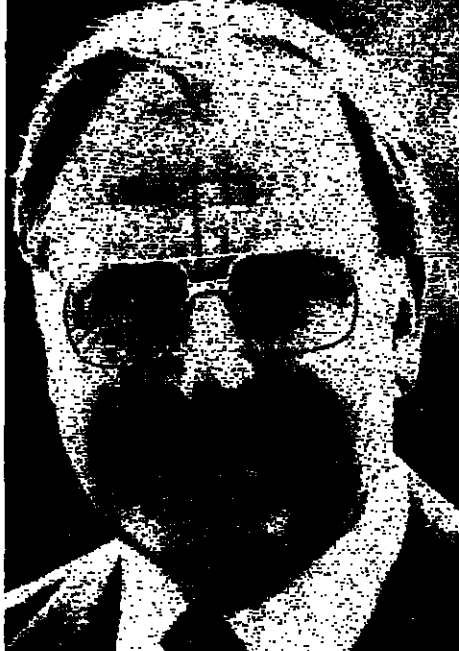
As the first chancellor of the postwar generation — he was 15 when the Nazis were crushed in 1945 — Kohl says he sees himself

as the standard-bearer of a new, forward-looking West Germany. He says he dreams of a country that will cease to live in the shadow of the past, shake off the current economic recession and continue as a vital member of the Western military alliance, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

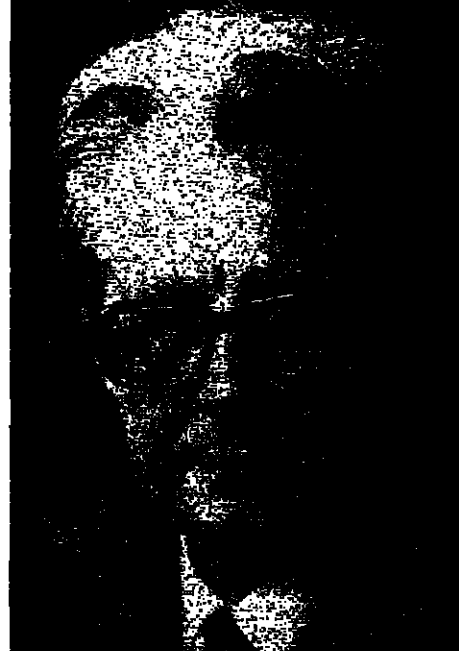
"We must find trust again in the strength of our land," the chancellor said in a recent interview with *Quick*, a weekly West German magazine. "There is far too much pessimism. In reality there is no reason for it. I say that despite all the problems that we have."

"I want to give the people courage. Now is not the hour to dig up new graves, but to discover the common interest again. That is my concern. In this I see an important function for myself," Kohl said.

Kohl says in campaign speeches he wants to rid the country of the "zukunftssangst" (fear of the future) which he says is a product of 13 years of Social Democratic government — from 1969 until October of last year.



Chancellor Helmut Kohl



Challenger Hans-Jochen Vogel

SPD's Vogel gives Christian Democrats a scare

BONN, Feb. 16 (AP) — "I am neither a Brandt nor a Schmidt man. I am Hans-Jochen Vogel," the ex-mayor of West Berlin told reporters three months ago.

Today Hans-Jochen Vogel has no need to identify himself.

As Social Democrat candidate for West German chancellor, Vogel has attracted the support of millions of West Germans and grabbed the attention of the world's superpowers with his talk about new U.S. nuclear missiles and how he is not sure they should be deployed here.

Such comments have brought the tall, soft-spoken former justice minister accusations of neutralism and warnings that such

talks could wreck the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

But the polls say he also has attracted votes and given a scare to West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, the Christian Democrat, Vogel hopes to unseat in the March 6 parliamentary elections here.

"We have a real chance to end the neo-conservative transitory game and once again to take over the leadership," Vogel, a former justice minister under ex-Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, says. Vogel's SPD, Social Democratic Party, has moved to within five percent of the 48 percent popularity rating held by Kohl's Christian Democrats, the polls say.

That was a surprise. After Schmidt was

ousted from the chancellor's job last fall, the Social Democrats were in disarray and support ebbed to as low as 30 percent in the polls. Few expected Vogel, 57, to be able to pick up the pieces in time for this election.

But Vogel, a former mayor of both West Berlin and Munich, has managed to regroup and re-unite the Social Democrats in a way Schmidt and Willy Brandt had been unable to do.

Combining old-style, worker-oriented Social Democratic economics with talk about halting the arms race, Vogel has managed to attract support from both the right and left wings of his party and steal support from the anti-nuclear Greens.

Vogel has come to the aid of the party before. In January 1981, under heavy party pressure, he left his job as justice minister in Bonn and went to West Berlin to become mayor, filling in after the resignation of Social Democrat Dieter Stolbe over a building scandal. As West Berlin mayor, Vogel opened a dialogue between the city and the sometimes-violent youthful squatters occupying vacant houses and demonstrating against city policies.

But Vogel's recent rapprochement with leftists is a change from his combative style

Shultz defends package for \$11.5b foreign aid

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz defended Wednesday a government request for more foreign aid before members of Congress, some of whom wanted to know how to justify the boost to America's poor.

Shultz was appearing before the U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee to appeal for support for U.S. President Ronald Reagan's \$11.5 billion foreign aid package.

He was expected to face close questioning later by Democrats over the \$9.2 billion Reagan is requesting for military aid and security-related economic assistance in fiscal 1984.

The Reagan administration also is seeking an additional \$837 million in foreign military assistance for the current fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30.

"We have a stake in keeping other people healthy ... not just ourselves alone," Shultz said.

In another development, U.S. Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger was to resume his campaign to continue increasing American military spending before a legislative committee seeking to cut soaring government budget deficits.

Weinberger's testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives Budget Committee marks his fifth appearance in little more than two weeks before congressional panels.

The administration's \$238.4 billion defense outlay request for fiscal 1984, up \$30 billion, has become a large target for legislators looking for ways of reducing the government deficit projected for fiscal 1984.

The Budget Committee will help to establish the spending limits under the congressional budget process, and its chairman, Representative James R. Jones, has indicated he will try to force defense to an after-inflation increase of 1 percent, half the figure sought by U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

Along with foreign aid, a wide variety of policy issues ranging from the Middle East and strife-torn El Salvador to U.S.-Soviet arms control talks were expected to come under scrutiny.

Shultz sought to deflect criticism over military aid when he appeared Tuesday before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, testifying mainly about the state of the world economy.

Shultz's testimony before the Senate committee focused on a proposed \$8.4 billion increase in U.S. contributions to the International Monetary Fund, which he called "an investment in international financial well-being."

However, he was pressed by Senators to explain why Congress should vote such a large amount for foreign aid when Americans were suffering from recession and cutbacks in domestic social programs.

Pertini pays last respects to fire victims

TURIN, Italy, Feb. 16 (R) — President Sandro Pertini and several thousand citizens gathered in the central plaza San Giovanni outside the city's 450-year-old cathedral as a funeral service was held there for the victims of Turin's worst postwar disaster.

The coffins of 42 of the victims, decked with wreaths of roses, lilies and other flowers, covered the stone floor of the cathedral. The families of the dead gathered around them in dignified, grief-stricken groups.

Shops, cinemas and theaters were closed, and work stopped briefly in factories as this northern, industrial city fell silent in a show of respect.

Plane makes belly landing

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 16 (AP) — An airliner carrying 64 passengers and seven crew members made a successful emergency belly landing Tuesday night after the plane's landing gear failed to fully retract after takeoff.

As far as I know, she's in good shape," Eastern Airlines spokesman Jim Ashlock said after the Boeing 727 landed at 8:30 p.m. (0130 GMT Wednesday) at Miami International Airport.

Police said at least 25,000 persons gathered in the central plaza San Giovanni outside the city's 450-year-old cathedral as a funeral service was held there for the victims of Turin's worst postwar disaster.

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Eastern flight 194 touched down on the foam-covered runway, sparks flying, and slid to a safe stop as emergency equipment stood by. Earlier, the jet had circled overhead as officials prepared the runway for the landing.

The plane was en route to John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York when it experienced problems shortly after takeoff from Palm Beach International Airport at 5:50 p.m. (2230 GMT).

"Right after he took off he had an indication that some made such emergency landings successfully before," Ashlock noted.

"All final decisions rest with the pilot. But he doesn't make them on his own," the spokesman said. "He's had a whole wealth of technical advice."

President Pertini sat, visibly moved, flanked by several government ministers. Gianni Agnelli, chairman of the Fiat Car Company which is based in Turin, was also present.

The families of 22 of the victims chose not to attend the service. Some had personal reasons, others rejected the city's offer because they had been angered by the apparently inadequate emergency facilities at the cinema.

Candlelight flicked over the wreaths and the mourners bowed heads, while Balassero led an hour-long service. The coffins were later taken away for separate burials in cemeteries chosen by the families.

Harare to detain 'spies'

HARARE, Feb. 16 (AP) — Two former white intelligence officers acquired by the high court of spying are to remain in detention indefinitely as "enemies of the state," a minister said in an interview published Wednesday.

Minister of State of Security Emmerson Munangagwa told *The Harare Herald* that the two officers might be released only when the state decided they were no longer grave security risks. Philip Harlebury, 30, and Colin Evans, 27, were detained Dec. 31, 1981 under emergency powers regulations and brought to trial for allegedly spying for neighboring white-ruled South Africa and for illegally possessing arms of war — both capital charges.

The former officers of the Central Intelligence Organization were acquitted of the charges. But they were immediately re-detained on orders of Home Affairs Minister Herbert Ushewokunze. "Although we do recognize and respect the fact that they were acquitted... they have to stay detained because they are enemies of the people," Munangagwa told the *Herald*.

Papandreou in Vienna

VIENNA, Feb. 16 (R) — Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou arrived Wednesday for an official three-day visit to Austria at the invitation of Chancellor Bruno Kreisky.

The two men will begin talks later which official sources said were expected to concentrate on Austro-Greek economic cooperation, the Middle East and other international issues.

In Athens, officials said they would aim mainly at securing agreement for Austro-Greek production of army trucks, tanks and armored personnel carriers. Proposed joint production of farm machinery was also on the agenda, the officials said.

Papandreou was also expected to ask Austria to grant more transit visas for Greek trucks taking farm produce to northern Europe. Greek Foreign Minister Yannis Haralambopoulos and Public Works Minister Akis Tsochatzopoulos accompanied Papandreou.

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future we expect to have the multinational force expand beyond the Greater Beirut area. We also expect the UNIFIL (United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon) to expand their domain beyond the original mandate given to them by the United Nations."

Salem added that the Lebanese government wanted the present 4,860-man multinational force expanded to 9,000 to 10,000 men, as the Lebanese army expands from 22,000 to 40,000 with the institution of a military draft next month. He said it was "quite likely" the government would also ask that UNIFIL be expanded to 12,000 to 15,000.

"We believe this is adequate (to provide security for Lebanon)," he said.

Salem denied reports that the Lebanese government had agreed to allow renegade, Israeli-backed Army Maj. Saad Haddad to rejoin the regular army. Haddad, whose militia has controlled a small area near the Israeli border since 1978, announced Tuesday he was expanding his "free Lebanon" enclave to include all of southern Lebanon up to the port city of Sidon — about one-fourth of the country.

"The Saad Haddad issue is one of 50 or 60 that are being discussed in the negotiations (among the United States, Israel and Lebanon)," Salem said. He added that Lebanon would not accept an Israeli demand in the talks that Haddad's militia be used as a security force in the South. "When an agreement is signed... the Lebanese Army will be the only army in the South. There will be no surrogates, there will be no residual Israeli force," he said.

For the third day, Haddad announced an expansion of his enclave in the South. Haddad told reporters that his men had moved

into the West Bekaa Valley town of Housh Al-Qannabi, about 16 kilometers north of the Israeli border, and set up a new position.

Haddad's militia staged a parade in the city of Nabatieh, 56 kilometers south of Beirut, on Tuesday, and in Sidon, 40 kilometers south of the capital, on Monday, announcing the cities were now part of his "free Lebanon."

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top expensive and too vulnerable.

President Ronald Reagan chose to go ahead with the production of both the medium and the long-range Cruise missile — the first of which were placed aboard B-52 aircraft atop airbase in New York last December.

But the air force has now reportedly determined that research on "stealth" technology has progressed faster than anticipated, and also that the Soviet Union is developing a radar system capable of locating and overcoming the Cruise missile.

The new stealth Cruise is expected to have a longer range than its predecessor.

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no known counter-punch.

Jane's Defense Review, a separate *Jane's* publication, said the Soviets carried out the first successful multiple launch of four SS-NX-20s from a submerged sub Oct. 14 last year.

Capt. Moore noted: "Because the subs can fire four missiles at once, it makes it very hard to detect them." Western submarines only have single-launch capability.

At least one Typhoon-class sub is believed to be operational now, with a second expected before the end of this year. The sub is reported to have a crew of 150.



FLEES FROM TERROR: One of the hundreds of families affected by the ethnic and political upheaval in India's Assam state was ready to flee from a strife-torn village Tuesday.

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3 policemen slain in Assam

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16 (AP) — Assamese state police on Wednesday shot and killed three paramilitary policemen brought into their violence-torn state from elsewhere in India to help supervise controversial elections, authorities said, describing the shooting as "a misunderstanding."

Twenty other deaths were reported across the remote northeastern state as the government pressed preparations for the second round of voting Thursday. The unofficial death toll from two weeks of ethnic and political upheaval reached 298, reports said.

The shooting of three Central Reserve Police force members occurred when Assam state police "due to some misunderstanding

created by miscreants" opened fire, a state government statement said.

The "miscreants" were not further identified nor was the misunderstanding between the two police forces. The situation was brought under control after top officials rushed to the scene of the shooting at Goapura 130 kilometers west of Gauhati, Assam's main city, the statement said.

An estimated 70,000 Central Reserve and other paramilitary police units have been flown and trucked into Assam from other Indian states to oversee the election, called over the opposition of a powerful movement of native Assamese agitating against outside settlers.

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Caracas	16	61	29	84	clear
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